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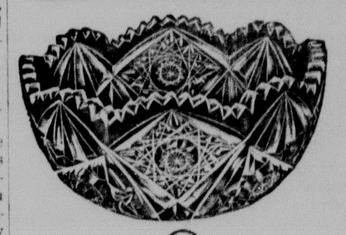

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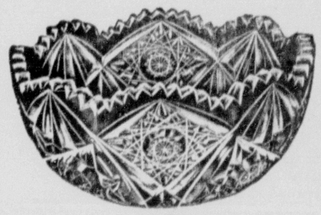

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The German officials are said not to take seriously the apparent danger of hostilities. They express an open contempt for the American army, while they say the American navy would be of negligible value in present circumstances, and they declare the hostility of the United States would be more than balanced by the lessened shipments of munitions of war to the allies. They openly state that the Russians would not be a further menace were the Americans to stop shipping them guns and ammunition.

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Mr. Wilson, in reply to the German excuse that Great Britain is responsible for the present situation because of her determination to cut off the German food supply is that this government has advised all the belligerents that it will deal with them individually, that it will protect its own rights as it sees fit, and that it will not allow any government to meddle with its relations with another government.

In this, he is mindful of Washington's advice in his farewell address, which contained the following: "Harmony and a liberal intercourse with all nations are recommended by policy, humanity and interest. But even our commercial policy should hold an equal and impartial hand, neither seeking nor granting exclusive favors or preferences.....establishing, with powers so disposed, in order to give trade a stable course, to define the rights of our merchants and to enable the government to support them, conventional rules of intercourse, the best that present circumstances and mutual opinion will permit. There can be no greater error than to expect or calculate upon real favors from nation to nation."

And we may depend our president, who is such a student of the life and policy of Washington, to do his best for the nation, and to follow such a course as is consistent with the dignity and honor of the people who chose him to be their Chief Executive.

## IN THE INTEREST OF ECONOMY.

The Galveston News makes a very sensible suggestion when it urges that the state department of agriculture be abolished and its functions be transferred to the agricultural and mechanical college. In the opinion of the News, this act would promote both economy and efficiency.

The editor of the News is particular to state that he is not animated by any prejudice toward the department of agriculture, and much less toward any individual who has been or is now connected with it.

But it would seem to anyone who gives the matter any thought that the work of the department of agriculture could be turned over to the college with benefit to the state, both as to efficiency and economy, especially if the money now appropriated for the department were to be given to the college for the advancement of its work.

The federal department of agriculture is doing a great work for the people of all the states. The state department of agriculture of Texas hos done good work, but there is no work which it has done which could not be better done by the corps of professors and the advanced students of the A. & M. What is more, the turning over to the students of the problems and difficulties which are now given to the department would result in a greater efficiency of the students through the study which would be required to solve them.

The different departments of the college are equipped with all that is needed to study the difficulties which present themselves to Texas farmers. The students are seeking a solution to most of the problems which come up almost daily on the farm, in order to fit them in later years for the proper conduct of the farms which they will manage.

The study of animal diseases is a part of the college curriculum. So are also the use and effectiveness of fertilizing agents, the proper treatment of soil under certain conditions, the best crops to grow and how to grow them—in fact, the students are daily confronted with exactly the same problems which present themselves to the farmer, with the difference that some one of the instructors is always available to show the student the way out.

There is nothing which the department of agriculture does that could not be as efficiently done by the college instructors and students. And if the work can be as well done by one institution, what is the value of a duplication of the work, costing double the money to the taxpayers?

There is perhaps no one connected with the department of agriculture who is dependent upon his employment with the state for his livelihood. Anyone efficient enough to do the work is certain of employment elsewhere, and even if he were not, there is no reason to make a state department a public pension bureau.

If the professors and the students of the agricultural college can do the work which is now performed by the department of agriculture—and there would seem to be no one foolhardy enough to deny it—what is the use of keeping the department in existence, while the college is in need of an addition to its appropriation in order to do the best work

Efficiency and economy are the watchwords of the day, and in the interest of both it would seem wise to abolish the department of agriculture and let our extremely efficient professors and undergraduates save the money to the state.

When the next appropriation bill comes before the legislature, will there not be some enterprising, progressive member of house or senate who will make this proposition in the form of a bill and thus earn the gratitude of his constituents, as well as of the state at large?

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Mr. Bryan announces that Duval West's report will not be made public. But whatever it was, it will not have the effect of changing the administration policy with regard to Mexico, which after all is more important to the public than a knowledge of what Mr. West said.

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The Alabama supreme court upheld the legality of the anti-liquor advertising law, which requires all news stands and other places selling papers to blot out all liquor advertisements before displaying them or selling them. There ought to be a big demand for shoe blacking in Alabama.

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The British censorship has relaxed so far that it permits the report of the sinking of a British battleship in the Dardanelles with a probable loss of five hundred lives. And Sir Buckmaster must be real angry.

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The English are preparing a mean trick. They are to send all German males over military age and all German women and children back to their own country. They thus avoid the expense of feeding them and force the task upon Germany. But the latter is said to have plenty of food.

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Germany is still demanding the unrestricted passage of food, which leads one to query whether the report that she is prepared to stand a war for several years to come was not manufactured out of raw material.

## HOW HE TOOK HIS.

English men-of-war have no ice-making machines on board, as do our ships, and everybody knows how the English fail to understand us on the subject of the use of ice, especially in our drinks.

An English officer was aboard one of our ships of the Asiatic fleet, and, on being served with an iced drink, commented on the delights of having cool water aboard. The American officer responded with an offer of a small cake of ice, which was sent the following morning. Meeting the Englishman ashore a week later, the American asked him if he had enjoyed the ice.

"Enjoy it, old top? Why, do you know, that was the first cold bawth I've 'ad since I left England!"—Harper's.

## SUMMER HOME FOR BRITISH EMBASSY.

Beverly, Mass., May 14.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador to the United States, is expected to arrive here tomorrow to complete arrangements for headquarters of the embassy for the summer in Beverly. Last summer the ambassador had headquarters at Dublin, N. H.

## THIS DATE IN HISTORY

MAY 14.

1501—Amerigo Vespucci sailed with three ships from Portugal on his third voyage to America. He reached Patagonia.

1785—Canal opened between the Baltic and North Seas.

1796—Sir Edward Jenner established the principles of vaccination.

1804—Lewis and Clarke left St. Louis on their exploration trip to the Northwest.

1814—Peace of Paris, following the abdication of Napoleon, was ratified by France and all the allies.

1826—Famous Sing Sing Prison in New York state, opened.

1836—Mexico acknowledge the independence of Texas.

1879—German Empress visited Queen of England at Windsor Castle.

1884—Panic on New York stock exchange, followed by failure of many banks.

1914—Charles S. Mellen, before the I. C. C., gave sensational testimony as to the financial deals of the New Haven road.

## VOICE OF TEXAS.

### The Man of Mystery.

Lost: an old friend. Dark hair, broad-brimmed, silver-braided hat, pearl-handled dagger, carbine over the shoulder, gaily painted blanket—usually referred to as the "Mexican situation." Finder please return to Senator Fall and receive liberal reward.—Corpus Christi Caller.

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### Worth More Than a Man.

A Brownsville prisoner was given eight years in the pen for stealing a horse. A horse is a valuable piece of property in Texas.—Temple Telegram.

At about the same time the incident referred to occurred, a couple of men charged with murder in different counties were acquitted by juries. A horse may have some value in Texas but human life is worthless, judging by the verdicts of the average jury.—Denison Herald.

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### The Coin Separators.

If it be true that the European war will keep $200,000,000 at home this summer, it seems to us that many people will have money enough to gratify such yearning as they have to visit Houston and if they will come we shall take pleasure in having the city's coin separators operate on the European plan for their delectation.—Houston Post.

There's nothing lacking about Houston's coin separators and if that is all the tourists care for they can be royally entertained in the Bayou City, if they don't mind a few days' stay in the hospital.—Sealy News.

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### Safety First.

A Massachusetts nurse who was bitten on the nose by a baby, died of blood poisoning. Persons having babies on their premises should adopt the rule of safety by muzzling them.—Austin American.

The modern way of applying the safety first rule in cases of this kind seems to be before the baby gets on the place.—Sealy News.

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### Studying What?

George Bailey's paragraphs have been missing from the editorial page of the Houston Post for a few days. We do not know whether he is off on a vacation or taking advantage of the Southern Sociological Congress in his city to take a course of study in eugenics, a science in which he has from time to time expressed a great interest.—

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### Advertise on Fences.

The abolition of all billboards is the aim of an ordinance now pending before the Dallas city commission with the chances favorable to its passage. It is said the ordinance has the backing of the mayor as well as the women of the city, which ought to make its passage certain and sure. This will leave only graveward fences for the advertisements of the man who can see no efficacy in news papers as advertising mediums.—Denison Herald.

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### The Lucky Stiff.

A Kansas editor was elected Mayor, became the father of a baby girl and collected two old subscriptions, all in the same week, and lives to tell the tale. There are some men you can't kill with an axe.—Austin American.

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### Not a Dry Town.

A headline in a daily paper announces that the "Brazos Is Receding at Rosenberg." If the Brazos had been raised right it would never have gone to Rosenberg in the first place.—Sealy News.

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### Get Slang Cheaper.

New York clergymen have decided to hold a monster revival in that city—without the assistance of Billy Sunday. Probably they can hire George Ade to slip them a little new slang at a much less honorarium than the Hon. Billy would want.—Port Arthur News.

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### A Son of Who?

A person who steals what others write is, in polite circles, called a plagiarist; but the victims of his crookedness call him a durned thief. Around a cow camp he would be known by a name that would lead one to believe that his maternal ancestor chased rabbits and sucked eggs.—Sterding City News.

## THIS IS MY 82nd BIRTHDAY

HON. J. D. CAMERON.

Hon. James Donald Cameron, former Secretary of War under Grant, United States Senator from Pennsylvania, and a powerful factor in Republican politics, is 82 years old today. Although he has been out of active political life since he left the Senate 18 years ago, he continued for years to be a valuable adviser of the Republican leaders. Last December he placed his fortune, estimated at $3,500,000, in the hands of trustees to hold during the life of his children and grand-children. His wealth is represented in coal and iron mines in Pennsylvania and in large property holdings in Washington. Much of his fortune was made in reorganizing the Northern Central Railroad, of which he was president from 1863 to 1874.

Mr. Cameron was born at Middletown, Pa., May 14, 1833, the son of U. S. Senator Simon C. Cameron, whom he succeeded in the upper house of Congress. He was educated at Princeton and became a bank clerk. He worked his way to the presidency of the bank. In 1876 he became Secretary of War in President Grant's cabinet, resigning the following year to succeed his father in the Senate, where he served until 1897. With Senator Quay he ruled Pennsylvania politics with a strong hand. At present he makes his home on his farm at Donegal, near Harrisburg.

For Neat and Accurate Job Work ring up 43.

## WILL ELECT A FIRE QUEEN AND HAVE A CELEBRATION

### FIRE DEPARTMENT ARRANGES FOR HAVING BIG TIME JUNE 9.

Contest for Election of Queen to Begin at Once; Interesting Racing Contests to Be Pulled Off.

An important and interesting meeting of the Laredo Fire Department was held at the Fireman's Hall last night, there being a large number of the fireboys in attendance and matters coming up for discussion that elicited keen attention and precipitated considerable discussion.

Besides the transaction of routine business and the hearing of reports from the delegates who attended the State Firemen's Convention at Waco, at which the Laredo Racing Team made a reputation as one of the fastest teams in Texas and the Paris Rule Team No. 2, a part of that team, won the Clark trophy, considerable other business came up. One of these was the report of the committee on badges. In other that the firemen be not mistaken for "cops," it was decided that the wearing of badges be eliminated and the report of the committee was tabled and no badges will be purchased, at least for the present.

It was decided at the meeting to have the firemen's celebration on June 9, when there will be the coronation of the fire queen elected between now and that time, followed by a grand ball. On the afternoon of June 9, however, there will be hose racing contests, when both reel racing and Paris rule teams will participate. There will be probably ten teams in the contests—five of them Paris rule teams and five reel teams, representing the Heights Hose Co., Lone Star Hook and Ladder Co., Rescue Hose Co., Protection Hose Co. and two teams from the Ninth Infantry Camp. A cash prize of $25 will be offered for the team making the fastest time in the reel races, while a cup is to be offered for the best Paris rule team. The cash prize will be competed for by all teams, but the soldier teams will not be eligible to compete for the cups. The Netzer trophy cup, wont last May by Racing Team No. 1 will be competed for next month.

The fire queen contest, coronation and grand ball will be in charge of a committee composed of G. R. Weber, chairman; Robert H. Kilsby, Alphonse Wormser and Gus G. Schmitt. The committee in charge of the hose racing contests is composed of Chief C. C. Biggio, chairman; E. B. Brewster and Harry G. DaCamara.

The contest for the election of a fire queen to serve for one year is expected to begin immediately and close on Saturday, June 5. The coronation will take place on the evening of June 9, followed by a grand ball. Young ladies from each ward of the city will be placed in nomination and a lively contest for the exalted place is anticipated.

## INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Supervising Architect's Office, Washington, D. C., April 29, 1915.—Sealed proposals will be opened in this office at 3 p. m. May 28, 1915, for remodeling an electric passenger elevator in the United States postoffice, courthouse and customhouse at Laredo, Tex., in accordance with the specification, copies of which may be had at this office, in the discretion of the Supervising Architect. Jos. A. Wetmore, Acting Supervising Architect.

N. B.—Bidders are required to return the specification without marks, notes, or other mutilations.

The Government frank sent to intending bidders is to be used for the return of the specification, and for no other purpose. (Adv.)

### Onion Shipments.

Eighty-six cars of onions were shipped out of Laredo last night over the I. & G. N. This makes a total of 1913 cars so far shipped from Laredo this season.

### Call For Bids.

Bids for the construction of two reenforced concrete bridges to be placed across the Zacate and Chacon creeks, subject to the result of a bond election, which will be called for later, will be received at the office of the City Secretary by the Street and Bridge Committee until June 15th, 1915, at ten o'clock in the morning, and then opened. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of the City Secretary. Separate bids will be required. Should private plans be wanted same can be secured by the payment of ten dollars to the City Secretary. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

J. S. WESTBROOK,
Chairman, Street & Bridge Committee.

5-5-td. (Adv.)

### Gave Farewell to Mrs. Jackson.

Yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. T. Hill on the Heights, the members of the Auction Bridge Club entertained with a farewell party in honor of Mrs. C. G. Jackson, one of the members who leaves on May 28 for far-away Michigan to make her home. The rooms of the Hill home were made beautiful and refreshing by their lavish decorations of cut flowers and four tables were used for the accommodation of the players in the game of auction bridge. The high score prize, a hand-painted celery tray, was won by Mrs. C. M. Fish, while the guest prize, a hand-painted plate, was won by Mrs. Lott Taylor. Both the winners presented their prizes to the honoree, while the club as a whole presented her with an artistically engraved silver cold meat fork with the initials "A. B. C." Punch was served throughout the afternoon, followed by delicious ice cream and cake.

## LITTLE LOCALS

—As the "good old summertime" is here and people are accustomed to go out at least two evenings each week and enjoy music on the plaza, it is probable that a public subcription will be started within a short time to secure the necessary funds to pay a band to play one or two evenings each week on one of the plazas of Laredo.

—The Royal and Strand Theatres both had large houses last night to enjoy the fine picture programs on at both places. These two popular playhouses are well patronized by Laredo people, and the managers of the two shows provided their patrons with the best productions that the market affords.

—Extra Special Sale of trimmed hats Friday and Saturday, May 14 and 15. Miss M. Sallee. 5-13-3t.

(Adv.

The building boom in Laredo continues unabated, and this fact is best proven by a ride through various parts of the city where one can observe buildings in course of construction everywhere. However, the Heights section is experiencing the bulk of the building boom.

—Applewhite Transfer. Phone 16. 3-31-tf.

(Adv.)

—If you have a young lady friend who you would like to have elected fire queen, get busy, for the contest starts soon. Put your candidate in the race and stay with her until the final ballot is cast on the evening of Saturday, June 5. And be sure and get her enough votes to win.

—For auto trips in or out of the city phone 147. 4-21-1m.

Adv.)

—An effort will be made to organize the young men of the Heights Hose Co. into a reel racing team and a Paris rule team to participate in the racing contests to be held by the Laredo Fire Department on the afternoon of June 9. A meeting to organize the teams will be held early next week.

—Just received, an assorted car of Cane Seed, Milo Maize and Feterita. Call on us for prices. J. Armengol. 2-19-tf.

(Adv.)

—It is expected that there will be a number of bids submitted from Laredo and outside contractors for the construction of the two new bridges to be constructed by the city over the Arroyo Chacon and Zacate creeks. Bids will be received up to June 15. After the bids are opened a special bond election will be called to vote the necessary bonds to carry out the work.

—Horse clipping. Applewhite Transfer. 3-31-tf.

(Adv.)

—"An Evevning in Grand Opera" is the attraction at the Market hall this evening, while a second event of the kind will also be given tomorrow night at same place with an entire change of programe. The musical is under the direction of Mrs. D. F. Anderson and is given as a benefit for the library of the Woman's Club. The best local talent will take part in the program.

—Moving, moving, moving. Applewhite Transfer. Phone 16. 3-31-tf.

(Adv.)

—A handsome new cottage on the Heights that is very near completion is that of Mr. and Mrs. L. Vollmer. It is on Market street and is one of the coziest dwellings in that popular residence portion of the city. The Vollmer's expect to move into their new home next week.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-tf. (Adv.)

—The Married Ladies' Dancing Club held their monthly hop at the Elks Hall last night. There was a good attendance and an enjoyable evening was had.

—If it is neat and accurate job printing that you want send your orders to The Times job department. Expert workmanship and the best of materials. 1-9-tf.

(Adv.)

### Will Preach Annual Sermon.

At the beginning of the commencement exercises of Holding Institute, Rev. F. S. Onderdonk of San Antonio will preach the annual sermon on Sunday morning next at 11 o'clock. Dr. J. M. Skinner, president of the Instsitute, invites the public to the chapel for this service.

### Whooping Cough.

"About a year ago my three boys had whooping cough and I found Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the only one that would relieve their coughing and whooping spells. I continued this treatment and was surprised to find that it cured the disease in a very short time," writes Mrs. Archie Dalrymple, Crooksville, Ohio. For sale by all dealers. (Adv.)

### Holding Institute Commencement.

The senior class of the Holding Institute (formerly Laredo Seminary) announces that its commencement exercises will take place at Faith Hall on Thursday evening, May 20, at 8 o'clock.

## ARBOR DAY IN LITTLE RHODY.

Providence, R. I., May 14.—Arbor Day in Rhode Island is being celebrated today under the new law, which makes the observance compulsory on the part of schools of the state. Instead of giving the schools a day off, it has been decided to hold special exercises.

## PIETROLATI MURDER CASE NOW ON IN DISTRICT COURT

### ONLY FIVE JURORS SECURED FROM FIRST SPECIAL VENIRE.

Counsel For the Defense Will Seek to Prove That Killing of Martinez by Pietrolati Was Accidental.

In the district court this morning the case of the State of Texas vs. Pilede Pietrolati, charged with the killing of Lucio Martinez in a pool room in this city on the night of February 4, was called for trial. The defendant is represented by Wilmer Threadgill, who was appointed by the court, while the state is represented by District Attorney Valls. For the selection of a jury a special vevnire of 36 men had been summoned to appear this morning at 9 o'clock, but only 16 responded to their names when called. Of the 16 examined only five jurors qualified, these being C. C. Burr, Alonzo Barrera, L. L. Leyendecker, Rafael Flores and Clarence Jefferies. When this venire was exhausted Judge Mullally instructed the sheriff to summon another venire of thirty men to appear this afternoon at 2 o'clock, and from these an effort is being made to secure the remaining seven men necessary to complete the panel.

An obvious fact brought out in the selection of jurors by the defense this morning would indicate that the European war is a slight factor, as no Germans were taken to try the Italian charged with the crime. This is said to have been noticeable in one or two instances, when prospective jurors were excused. Of course this was only a passing observation.

When Pietrolati was arraigned this morning he entered a plea of "not guilty," and it is evident that the counsel for the defense will endeavor to establish proof that the killing of Martinez was unquestionably accidental, the firing of the shot being unintentional on the part of the defendant. Martinez was bending over looking at a pistol which Pietrolati was endeavoring to sell, it is said, when a shot rang out, the bullet striking Martinez in the forehead and producing instant death. There are quite a number of witnesses to be examined and some interesting testimony is expected to be adduced when the taking of evidence begins.

### Sick Headache.

Mrs. A. L. Luckie, East Rochester, N. Y., was a victim of sick headache and despondency, caused by a badly weakened and debilitated condition of her stomach, when she began taking Chamberlain's Tablets. She says, "I found them pleasant to take, also mild and effective. In a few weeks' time I was restored to my former good health." For sale by All dealers. *

(Adv.)

### Well Drilling.

There may be oil on your land. If there is I can cand find it. I have the drilling outfit that will go the depth. Phone 170

LEO EISTETTER.
5-12-12t. (Adv.)

### Was Removed to Hospital.

James Donahue, who has been quite ill at his home on the Heights for several weeks past, was removed this afternoon to Mercy Hospital, his condition having improved to that extent where the removal was made possible. Seaman John Donahue, of the U. S. S. Warrington, who has been here in attendance at his brother's bedside, will leave about May 25 for the East, taking his mother with him. He will join his ship the latter part of the month.

### Your Child's Cough is a Call for Help.

Don't put off treating your Child's Cough. It not only saps their strength, but often leads to more serious ailments. Why risk? You don't have to. Dr. King's New Discovery is just the remedy your Child needs. It is made with soothing, healing and antiseptic balsams. Will quickly check the Cold and soothe your Child's Cough away. No odds how bad the Cough or how long standing, Dr. King's New Discovery will stop it. It's guaranteed. Just get a bottle from your Druggist and try it *

(Adv.)

## MORE ABOUT ELECTRIC WIRING.

To The Times:—

In my letter yesterday in regard to electric house wiring, I mentioned only one kind of wiring (conduit-wiring) and I would like to add that there are other good systems as for instance "knob-and-tube" wiring is perfectly safe if properly done, and large enough wires are used and the circuits are not fused too heavy. The objection to "knob-and-tube" wiring is that the rules might not be observed by the man doing the work, and calls for either rigid inspection while the work is being done, or for a wireman on whom one can absolutely depend.

SAM FOSTER.

### Examination Next Monday.

There will be an examination for admission into the State University at the High School next Monday, May 17th and all persons wishing to take this examination should make application to Miss Kate Tarver, principal of the Laredo High School.

L. J. CHRISTEN,
Superintendent.

5-12-3t. (Adv.)

## NO APPEAL WILL BE TAKEN IN THE M'COY MURDER CASE

### DEFENDANT REQUESTS COUNSEL TO LET JUDGMENT STAND.

Attorneys Will Respect Request of Defendant, Who Will be Sentenced Today.

Corporal Everett McCoy, of the U. S. Army, who was indicted for the murder of William Banks and found guilty of manslaughter in a trial by jury in the District Court this week, receiving a sentence of five years in the penitentiary, today requested his attorneys, John L. Dannelley and Joseph W. Kenney, that no application be made for a new trial and that no appeal be taken from the judgment in the case.

The wish of the defendant will be respected by his counsel and in consequence no application for a new trial will be made and no appeal taken. The counsel for the defense stood ready to take any steps in behalf of their client, whom the court had appointed them to defend, that he would be justly entitled to, but the action of the defendant in making this request of his attorneys, makes it incumbent upon them to let the decision stand without further proceedings.

As the extreme penalty may be inflicted in an indictment for murder, the manslaughter verdict is the lightest that can be inflicted in any finding of guilty under the indictment. The time allowed for filing an application for a new trial is two days. The sentence of the court in the McCoy case will be pronounced today.

## JAILED JUDGE IN IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS.

Indianapolis, Ind., May 14.—The impeachment proceedings brought in the Indiana Supreme Court against Judge Eli H. Redman, of the Vigo County Circuit Court, who is now a federal prisoner at Leavenworth for election fraud in connection with the famous Terre Haute case, will be heard today. Mayor Don M. Roberts of Terre Haute, the ringleader in the frauds, has already been impeached.

A summons for Judge Redman was left at the "usual place of residence" of the judge at Terre Haute, there being no provision for serving a summons on him in the federal prison. A suit is pending at Rockville, Ind., to contest the election of Judge Redman, and, should he be ousted from office by the Supreme Court, Governor Ralston will appoint a successor, to serve until the Rockville suit is determined.

Judge Redman was elected by a majority of ten votes last November over Charles Pulliam, the Republican candidate, for judge of the Circuit Court. A considerable portion of the federal indictment was devoted to the alleged frauds practiced in the Taylorville precincts of Terre Haute. These precincts gave Judge Redman enough votes to win. The government charged Redman with sending his son, Hilton Redman, a young lawyer, also convicted, to see that the regular election board of the Taylorville precincts was kept from serving. It was also charged that Judge Redman promised Charles Smiley that if he would vote all the names registered in a certain precinct, that he would appoint him bailiff of the court.

One of the most sensational features of the recent trial centered in the slush fund raised by assessing saloon keepers, gamblers and inhabitants of the under world by promising them immunity from punishment when they violated the law.

Judge Redman took the witness stand last March during the famous trial, and denied every item of evidence produced by the Government. He maintained his innocence of the charge of complicity in the conspiracy or the frauds as actually committed.

## TO HAVE CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN.

### Citizens of Laredo to Be Asked to Cooperate in the Work of Putting City in Sanitary Condition.

A prominent physician of Laredo stated to the Times reporter this morning that he had decided on the inauguration of a clean-up campaign in Laredo, having for its purpose the putting of the city in a wholesome, sanitary condition for the betterment of the health of the community.

"First, we are going after the mosquitoes," said the doctor, "and we are going to exterminate that disease-spreading pest. Recent investigations have proven that the mosquitoes in their breeding places are developing species of the dangerous type, and the sooner they are eradicated the better for Laredo. I do not at this time want to intimate anything that might be inferred to convey the idea that there is any probability of a serious epidemic of any kind being caused, but merely as a precaution the extermination of the mosquito is essential to the health of the city at this time. We are going to ask the co-operation of the entire citizenship in the clean-up campaign and the people, realizing that the move is a good one, will no doubt lend their undivided assistance."

Later the movement will be given fuller publicity and the plan of campaign outlined. In the meantime it might be well for citizens of Laredo interested in the public health to deliberate on the matter and be prepared to lend their energies to the successful carrying out of the clean-up work.

## WON BY LOSING.

Rastus—Ah done proposed t' yoh wife erbout six months befoh yo' all married her, Mose.

Mose—Am dat er fact?

Rastus—Yassah; an' I don had ma rabbit's foot on mah pusson at de time, but she turn'd meh down.

Mose (with a sigh)—Rastus, yo' all sho wuz lucky in havin' dat rabbit foot wid yo'. 'Deed yo' wuz.

From Friday's Daily.

## POLITELY DEFIANT.

According to a special telegram to the San Antonio Express, its Washington correspondent is convinced that the terms of the Washington government note will not be accepted by Germany, and that a crisis cannot be avoided.

Germans of high rank at the capital state frankly that the answer of the kaiser's government will be a polite and suave refusal to desist from the policy which resulted in torpedoing the Gulflight, flying the American flag, and sinking the Lusitania, a merchant vessel of a belligerent nation, causing the loss of scores of American lives.

According to the correspondent, who interviewed officials at the German embassy, Germany will persist in destroying vessels of her enemies without warning. If Americans persist in traveling under the British, French or Russian flags they may be killed. This is the German position, and the German official said it would not be modified or abandoned.

The latest note of Mr. Wilson like his former one, holds the Germans to a "strict accountability," and demands assurances that they change their policy so that no more Americans will be killed by German vessels, whether under the American flag or a flag of another nation with whom Germany may happen to be at war.

There is one point that apparently has not yet been raised in ssupport of this latest demand of Mr. Wilson. According to the German policy, should an American sail on a vessel under the Italian flag and Italy join the allies after the sailing of the ship, the American aboard would be in danger of death before he reached the port to which he was bound.

The German officials are said not to take seriously the apparent danger of hostilities. They express an open contempt for the American army, while they say the American navy would be of negligible value in present circumstances, and they declare the hostility of the United States would be more than balanced by the lessened shipments of munitions of war to the allies. They openly state that the Russians would not be a further menace were the Americans to stop shipping them guns and ammunition.

Administration officials are emphatic in their statements that the time has come when this country must take a stand in the name of humanity, that the whole structure of international law and neutral rights erected during the past two thousand years shall not be destroyed by brute force at the will of a single nation.

Mr. Wilson, in reply to the German excuse that Great Britain is responsible for the present situation because of her determination to cut off the German food supply is that this government has advised all the belligerents that it will deal with them individually, that it will protect its own rights as it sees fit, and that it will not allow any government to meddle with its relations with another government.

In this, he is mindful of Washington's advice in his farewell address, which contained the following: "Harmony and a liberal intercourse with all nations are recommended by policy, humanity and interest. But even our commercial policy should hold an equal and impartial hand, neither seeking nor granting exclusive favors or preferences.....establishing, with powers so disposed, in order to give trade a stable course, to define the rights of our merchants and to enable the government to support them, conventional rules of intercourse, the best that present circumstances and mutual opinion will permit. There can be no greater error than to expect or calculate upon real favors from nation to nation."

And we may depend our president, who is such a student of the life and policy of Washington, to do his best for the nation, and to follow such a course as is consistent with the dignity and honor of the people who chose him to be their Chief Executive.

## IN THE INTEREST OF ECONOMY.

The Galveston News makes a very sensible suggestion when it urges that the state department of agriculture be abolished and its functions be transferred to the agricultural and mechanical college. In the opinion of the News, this act would promote both economy and efficiency.

The editor of the News is particular to state that he is not animated by any prejudice toward the department of agriculture, and much less toward any individual who has been or is now connected with it.

But it would seem to anyone who gives the matter any thought that the work of the department of agriculture could be turned over to the college with benefit to the state, both as to efficiency and economy, especially if the money now appropriated for the department were to be given to the college for the advancement of its work.

The federal department of agriculture is doing a great work for the people of all the states. The state department of agriculture of Texas hos done good work, but there is no work which it has done which could not be better done by the corps of professors and the advanced students of the A. & M. What is more, the turning over to the students of the problems and difficulties which are now given to the department would result in a greater efficiency of the students through the study which would be required to solve them.

The different departments of the college are equipped with all that is needed to study the difficulties which present themselves to Texas farmers. The students are seeking a solution to most of the problems which come up almost daily on the farm, in order to fit them in later years for the proper conduct of the farms which they will manage.

The study of animal diseases is a part of the college curriculum. So are also the use and effectiveness of fertilizing agents, the proper treatment of soil under certain conditions, the best crops to grow and how to grow them—in fact, the students are daily confronted with exactly the same problems which present themselves to the farmer, with the difference that some one of the instructors is always available to show the student the way out.

There is nothing which the department of agriculture does that could not be as efficiently done by the college instructors and students. And if the work can be as well done by one institution, what is the value of a duplication of the work, costing double the money to the taxpayers?

There is perhaps no one connected with the department of agriculture who is dependent upon his employment with the state for his livelihood. Anyone efficient enough to do the work is certain of employment elsewhere, and even if he were not, there is no reason to make a state department a public pension bureau.

If the professors and the students of the agricultural college can do the work which is now performed by the department of agriculture—and there would seem to be no one foolhardy enough to deny it—what is the use of keeping the department in existence, while the college is in need of an addition to its appropriation in order to do the best work

Efficiency and economy are the watchwords of the day, and in the interest of both it would seem wise to abolish the department of agriculture and let our extremely efficient professors and undergraduates save the money to the state.

When the next appropriation bill comes before the legislature, will there not be some enterprising, progressive member of house or senate who will make this proposition in the form of a bill and thus earn the gratitude of his constituents, as well as of the state at large?

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Mr. Bryan announces that Duval West's report will not be made public. But whatever it was, it will not have the effect of changing the administration policy with regard to Mexico, which after all is more important to the public than a knowledge of what Mr. West said.

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The Alabama supreme court upheld the legality of the anti-liquor advertising law, which requires all news stands and other places selling papers to blot out all liquor advertisements before displaying them or selling them. There ought to be a big demand for shoe blacking in Alabama.

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The British censorship has relaxed so far that it permits the report of the sinking of a British battleship in the Dardanelles with a probable loss of five hundred lives. And Sir Buckmaster must be real angry.

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The English are preparing a mean trick. They are to send all German males over military age and all German women and children back to their own country. They thus avoid the expense of feeding them and force the task upon Germany. But the latter is said to have plenty of food.

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Germany is still demanding the unrestricted passage of food, which leads one to query whether the report that she is prepared to stand a war for several years to come was not manufactured out of raw material.

## HOW HE TOOK HIS.

English men-of-war have no ice-making machines on board, as do our ships, and everybody knows how the English fail to understand us on the subject of the use of ice, especially in our drinks.

An English officer was aboard one of our ships of the Asiatic fleet, and, on being served with an iced drink, commented on the delights of having cool water aboard. The American officer responded with an offer of a small cake of ice, which was sent the following morning. Meeting the Englishman ashore a week later, the American asked him if he had enjoyed the ice.

"Enjoy it, old top? Why, do you know, that was the first cold bawth I've 'ad since I left England!"—Harper's.

## SUMMER HOME FOR BRITISH EMBASSY.

Beverly, Mass., May 14.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador to the United States, is expected to arrive here tomorrow to complete arrangements for headquarters of the embassy for the summer in Beverly. Last summer the ambassador had headquarters at Dublin, N. H.

## THIS DATE IN HISTORY

MAY 14.

1501—Amerigo Vespucci sailed with three ships from Portugal on his third voyage to America. He reached Patagonia.

1785—Canal opened between the Baltic and North Seas.

1796—Sir Edward Jenner established the principles of vaccination.

1804—Lewis and Clarke left St. Louis on their exploration trip to the Northwest.

1814—Peace of Paris, following the abdication of Napoleon, was ratified by France and all the allies.

1826—Famous Sing Sing Prison in New York state, opened.

1836—Mexico acknowledge the independence of Texas.

1879—German Empress visited Queen of England at Windsor Castle.

1884—Panic on New York stock exchange, followed by failure of many banks.

1914—Charles S. Mellen, before the I. C. C., gave sensational testimony as to the financial deals of the New Haven road.

## VOICE OF TEXAS.

### The Man of Mystery.

Lost: an old friend. Dark hair, broad-brimmed, silver-braided hat, pearl-handled dagger, carbine over the shoulder, gaily painted blanket—usually referred to as the "Mexican situation." Finder please return to Senator Fall and receive liberal reward.—Corpus Christi Caller.

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### Worth More Than a Man.

A Brownsville prisoner was given eight years in the pen for stealing a horse. A horse is a valuable piece of property in Texas.—Temple Telegram.

At about the same time the incident referred to occurred, a couple of men charged with murder in different counties were acquitted by juries. A horse may have some value in Texas but human life is worthless, judging by the verdicts of the average jury.—Denison Herald.

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### The Coin Separators.

If it be true that the European war will keep $200,000,000 at home this summer, it seems to us that many people will have money enough to gratify such yearning as they have to visit Houston and if they will come we shall take pleasure in having the city's coin separators operate on the European plan for their delectation.—Houston Post.

There's nothing lacking about Houston's coin separators and if that is all the tourists care for they can be royally entertained in the Bayou City, if they don't mind a few days' stay in the hospital.—Sealy News.

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### Safety First.

A Massachusetts nurse who was bitten on the nose by a baby, died of blood poisoning. Persons having babies on their premises should adopt the rule of safety by muzzling them.—Austin American.

The modern way of applying the safety first rule in cases of this kind seems to be before the baby gets on the place.—Sealy News.

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### Studying What?

George Bailey's paragraphs have been missing from the editorial page of the Houston Post for a few days. We do not know whether he is off on a vacation or taking advantage of the Southern Sociological Congress in his city to take a course of study in eugenics, a science in which he has from time to time expressed a great interest.—

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### Advertise on Fences.

The abolition of all billboards is the aim of an ordinance now pending before the Dallas city commission with the chances favorable to its passage. It is said the ordinance has the backing of the mayor as well as the women of the city, which ought to make its passage certain and sure. This will leave only graveward fences for the advertisements of the man who can see no efficacy in news papers as advertising mediums.—Denison Herald.

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### The Lucky Stiff.

A Kansas editor was elected Mayor, became the father of a baby girl and collected two old subscriptions, all in the same week, and lives to tell the tale. There are some men you can't kill with an axe.—Austin American.

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### Not a Dry Town.

A headline in a daily paper announces that the "Brazos Is Receding at Rosenberg." If the Brazos had been raised right it would never have gone to Rosenberg in the first place.—Sealy News.

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### Get Slang Cheaper.

New York clergymen have decided to hold a monster revival in that city—without the assistance of Billy Sunday. Probably they can hire George Ade to slip them a little new slang at a much less honorarium than the Hon. Billy would want.—Port Arthur News.

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### A Son of Who?

A person who steals what others write is, in polite circles, called a plagiarist; but the victims of his crookedness call him a durned thief. Around a cow camp he would be known by a name that would lead one to believe that his maternal ancestor chased rabbits and sucked eggs.—Sterding City News.

## THIS IS MY 82nd BIRTHDAY

HON. J. D. CAMERON.

Hon. James Donald Cameron, former Secretary of War under Grant, United States Senator from Pennsylvania, and a powerful factor in Republican politics, is 82 years old today. Although he has been out of active political life since he left the Senate 18 years ago, he continued for years to be a valuable adviser of the Republican leaders. Last December he placed his fortune, estimated at $3,500,000, in the hands of trustees to hold during the life of his children and grand-children. His wealth is represented in coal and iron mines in Pennsylvania and in large property holdings in Washington. Much of his fortune was made in reorganizing the Northern Central Railroad, of which he was president from 1863 to 1874.

Mr. Cameron was born at Middletown, Pa., May 14, 1833, the son of U. S. Senator Simon C. Cameron, whom he succeeded in the upper house of Congress. He was educated at Princeton and became a bank clerk. He worked his way to the presidency of the bank. In 1876 he became Secretary of War in President Grant's cabinet, resigning the following year to succeed his father in the Senate, where he served until 1897. With Senator Quay he ruled Pennsylvania politics with a strong hand. At present he makes his home on his farm at Donegal, near Harrisburg.

For Neat and Accurate Job Work ring up 43.

## WILL ELECT A FIRE QUEEN AND HAVE A CELEBRATION

### FIRE DEPARTMENT ARRANGES FOR HAVING BIG TIME JUNE 9.

Contest for Election of Queen to Begin at Once; Interesting Racing Contests to Be Pulled Off.

An important and interesting meeting of the Laredo Fire Department was held at the Fireman's Hall last night, there being a large number of the fireboys in attendance and matters coming up for discussion that elicited keen attention and precipitated considerable discussion.

Besides the transaction of routine business and the hearing of reports from the delegates who attended the State Firemen's Convention at Waco, at which the Laredo Racing Team made a reputation as one of the fastest teams in Texas and the Paris Rule Team No. 2, a part of that team, won the Clark trophy, considerable other business came up. One of these was the report of the committee on badges. In other that the firemen be not mistaken for "cops," it was decided that the wearing of badges be eliminated and the report of the committee was tabled and no badges will be purchased, at least for the present.

It was decided at the meeting to have the firemen's celebration on June 9, when there will be the coronation of the fire queen elected between now and that time, followed by a grand ball. On the afternoon of June 9, however, there will be hose racing contests, when both reel racing and Paris rule teams will participate. There will be probably ten teams in the contests—five of them Paris rule teams and five reel teams, representing the Heights Hose Co., Lone Star Hook and Ladder Co., Rescue Hose Co., Protection Hose Co. and two teams from the Ninth Infantry Camp. A cash prize of $25 will be offered for the team making the fastest time in the reel races, while a cup is to be offered for the best Paris rule team. The cash prize will be competed for by all teams, but the soldier teams will not be eligible to compete for the cups. The Netzer trophy cup, wont last May by Racing Team No. 1 will be competed for next month.

The fire queen contest, coronation and grand ball will be in charge of a committee composed of G. R. Weber, chairman; Robert H. Kilsby, Alphonse Wormser and Gus G. Schmitt. The committee in charge of the hose racing contests is composed of Chief C. C. Biggio, chairman; E. B. Brewster and Harry G. DaCamara.

The contest for the election of a fire queen to serve for one year is expected to begin immediately and close on Saturday, June 5. The coronation will take place on the evening of June 9, followed by a grand ball. Young ladies from each ward of the city will be placed in nomination and a lively contest for the exalted place is anticipated.

## INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Supervising Architect's Office, Washington, D. C., April 29, 1915.—Sealed proposals will be opened in this office at 3 p. m. May 28, 1915, for remodeling an electric passenger elevator in the United States postoffice, courthouse and customhouse at Laredo, Tex., in accordance with the specification, copies of which may be had at this office, in the discretion of the Supervising Architect. Jos. A. Wetmore, Acting Supervising Architect.

N. B.—Bidders are required to return the specification without marks, notes, or other mutilations.

The Government frank sent to intending bidders is to be used for the return of the specification, and for no other purpose. (Adv.)

### Onion Shipments.

Eighty-six cars of onions were shipped out of Laredo last night over the I. & G. N. This makes a total of 1913 cars so far shipped from Laredo this season.

### Call For Bids.

Bids for the construction of two reenforced concrete bridges to be placed across the Zacate and Chacon creeks, subject to the result of a bond election, which will be called for later, will be received at the office of the City Secretary by the Street and Bridge Committee until June 15th, 1915, at ten o'clock in the morning, and then opened. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of the City Secretary. Separate bids will be required. Should private plans be wanted same can be secured by the payment of ten dollars to the City Secretary. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

J. S. WESTBROOK.
Chairman, Street & Bridge Committee.

5-5-td. (Adv.)

### Gave Farewell to Mrs. Jackson.

Yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. T. Hill on the Heights, the members of the Auction Bridge Club entertained with a farewell party in honor of Mrs. C. G. Jackson, one of the members who leaves on May 28 for far-away M'chigan to make her home. The rooms of the Hill home were made beautiful and refreshing by their lavish decorations of cut flowers and four tables were used for the accommodation of the players in the game of auction bridge. The high score prize, a hand-painted celery tray, was won by Mrs. C. M. Fish, while the guest prize, a hand-painted plate, was won by Mrs. Lott Taylor. Both the winners presented their prizes to the honoree, while the club as a whole presented her with an artistically engraved silver cold meat fork with the initials "A. B. C." Punch was served throughout the afternoon, followed by delicious ice cream and cake.

## LITTLE LOCALS

—As the "good old summertime" is here and people are accustomed to go out at least two evenings each week and enjoy music on the plaza, it is probable that a public subscription will be started within a short time to secure the necessary funds to pay a band to play one or two evenings each week on one of the plazas of Laredo.

—The Royal and Strand Theatres both had large houses last night to enjoy the fine picture programs on at both places. These two popular playhouses are well patronized by Laredo people, and the managers of the two shows provided their patrons with the best productions that the market affords.

—Extra Special Sale of trimmed hats Friday and Saturday, May 14 and 15. Miss M. Sallee. 5-13-3t.

(Adv.

The building boom in Laredo continues unabated, and this fact is best proven by a ride through various parts of the city where one can observe buildings in course of construction everywhere. However, the Heights section is experiencing the bulk of the building boom.

—Applewhite Transfer. Phone 16. 3-31-tf.

(Adv.)

—If you have a young lady friend who you would like to have elected fire queen, get busy, for the contest starts soon. Put your candidate in the race and stay with her until the final ballot is cast on the evening of Saturday, June 5. And be sure and get her enough votes to win.

—For auto trips in or out of the city phone 147. 4-21-1m.

Adv.)

—An effort will be made to organize the young men of the Heights Hose Co. into a reel racing team and a Paris rule team to participate in the racing contests to be held by the Laredo Fire Department on the afternoon of June 9. A meeting to organize the teams will be held early next week.

—Just received, an assorted car of Cane Seed, Milo Maize and Feterita. Call on us for prices. J. Armengol. 2-19-tf.

(Adv.)

—It is expected that there will be a number of bids submitted from Laredo and outside contractors for the construction of the two new bridges to be constructed by the city over the Arroyo Chacon and Zacate creeks. Bids will be received up to June 15. After the bids are opened a special bond election will be called to vote the necessary bonds to carry out the work.

—Horse clipping. Applewhite Transfer. 3-31-tf.

(Adv.)

—"An Evevning in Grand Opera" is the attraction at the Market hall this evening, while a second event of the kind will also be given tomorrow night at same place with an entire change of programe. The musical is under the direction of Mrs. D. F. Anderson and is given as a benefit for the library of the Woman's Club. The best local talent will take part in the program.

—Moving, moving, moving. Applewhite Transfer. Phone 16. 3-31-tf.

(Adv.)

—A handsome new cottage on the Heights that is very near completion is that of Mr. and Mrs. L. Vollmer. It is on Market street and is one of the coziest dwellings in that popular residence portion of the city. The Vollmer's expect to move into their new home next week.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-tf. (Adv.)

—The Married Ladies' Dancing Club held their monthly hop at the Elks Hall last night. There was a good attendance and an enjoyable evening was had.

—If it is neat and accurate job printing that you want send your orders to The Times job department. Expert workmanship and the best of materials. 1-9-tf.

(Adv.)

### Will Preach Annual Sermon.

At the beginning of the commencement exercises of Holding Institute, Rev. F. S. Onderdonk of San Antonio will preach the annual sermon on Sunday morning next at 11 o'clock. Dr. J. M. Skinner, president of the Instsitute, invites the public to the chapel for this service.

### Whooping Cough.

"About a year ago my three boys had whooping cough and I found Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the only one that would relieve their coughing and whooping spells. I continued this treatment and was surprised to find that it cured the disease in a very short time," writes Mrs. Archie Dalrymple, Crooksville, Ohio. For sale by all dealers. *

(Adv.)

### Holding Institute Commencement.

The senior class of the Holding Institute (formerly Laredo Seminary) announces that its commencement exercises will take place at Faith Hall on Thursday evening, May 20, at 8 o'clock.

## ARBOR DAY IN LITTLE RHODY.

Providence, R. I., May 14.—Arbor Day in Rhode Island is being celebrated today under the new law, which makes the observance compulsory on the part of schools of the state. Instead of giving the schools a day off, it has been decided to hold special exercises.

## PIETROLATI MURDER CASE NOW ON IN DISTRICT COURT

### ONLY FIVE JURORS SECURED FROM FIRST SPECIAL VENIRE.

Counsel For the Defense Will Seek to Prove That Killing of Martinez by Pietrolati Was Accidental.

In the district court this morning the case of the State of Texas vs. Pilede Pietrolati, charged with the killing of Lucio Martinez in a pool room in this city on the night of February 4, was called for trial. The defendant is represented by Wilmer Threadgill, who was appointed by the court, while the state is represented by District Attorney Valls. For the selection of a jury a special vevnire of 36 men had been summoned to appear this morning at 9 o'clock, but only 16 responded to their names when called. Of the 16 examined only five jurors qualified, these being C. C. Burr, Alonzo Barrera, L. L. Leyendecker, Rafael Flores and Clarence Jefferies. When this venire was exhausted Judge Mullally instructed the sheriff to summon another venire of thirty men to appear this afternoon at 2 o'clock, and from these an effort is being made to secure the remaining seven men necessary to complete the panel.

An obvious fact brought out in the selection of jurors by the defense this morning would indicate that the European war is a slight factor, as no Germans were taken to try the Italian charged with the crime. This is said to have been noticeable in one or two instances, when prospective jurors were excused. Of course this was only a passing observation.

When Pietrolati was arraigned this morning he entered a plea of "not guilty," and it is evident that the counsel for the defense will endeavor to establish proof that the killing of Martinez was unquestionably accidental, the firing of the shot being unintentional on the part of the defendant. Martinez was bending over looking at a pistol which Pietrolati was endeavoring to sell, it is said, when a shot rang out, the bullet striking Martinez in the forehead and producing instant death. There are quite a number of witnesses to be examined and some interesting testimony is expected to be adduced when the taking of evidence begins.

### Sick Headache.

Mrs. A. L. Luckie, East Rochester, N. Y., was a victim of sick headache and despondency, caused by a badly weakened and debilitated condition of her stomach, when she began taking Chamberlain's Tablets. She says, "I found them pleasant to take, also mild and effective. In a few weeks' time I was restored to my former good health." For sale by All dealers. *

(Adv.)

### Well Drilling.

There may be oil on your land. If there is I can cand find it. I have the drilling outfit that will go the depth. Phone 170

LEO EISTETTER.
5-12-12t. (Adv.)

### Was Removed to Hospital.

James Donahue, who has been quite ill at his home on the Heights for several weeks past, was removed this afternoon to Mercy Hospital, his condition having improved to that extent where the removal was made possible. Seaman John Donahue, of the U. S. S. Warrington, who has been here in attendance at his brother's bedside, will leave about May 25 for the East, taking his mother with him. He will join his ship the latter part of the month.

### Your Child's Cough is a Call for Help.

Don't put off treating your Child's Cough. It not only saps their strength, but often leads to more serious ailments. Why risk? You don't have to. Dr. King's New Discovery is just the remedy your Child needs. It is made with soothing, healing and antiseptic balsams. Will quickly check the Cold and soothe your Child's Cough away. No odds how bad the Cough or how long standing, Dr. King's New Discovery will stop it. It's guaranteed. Just get a bottle from your Druggist and try it *

(Adv.)

## MORE ABOUT ELECTRIC WIRING.

To The Times:—

In my letter yesterday in regard to electric house wiring, I mentioned only one kind of wiring (conduit-wiring) and I would like to add that there are other good systems as for instance "knob-and-tube" wiring is perfectly safe if properly done, and large enough wires are used and the circuits are not fused too heavy. The objection to "knob-and-tube" wiring is that the rules might not be observed by the man doing the work, and calls for either rigid inspection while the work is being done, or for a wireman on whom one can absolutely depend.

SAM FOSTER.

### Examination Next Monday.

There will be an examination for admission into the State University at the High School next Monday, May 17th and all persons wishing to take this examination should make application to Miss Kate Tarver, principal of the Laredo High School.

L. J. CHRISTEN,
Superintendent.

5-12-3t. (Adv.)

## NO APPEAL WILL BE TAKEN IN THE M'COY MURDER CASE

### DEFENDANT REQUESTS COUNSEL TO LET JUDGMENT STAND.

Attorneys Will Respect Request of Defendant, Who Will be Sentenced Today.

Corporal Everett McCoy, of the U. S. Army, who was indicted for the murder of William Banks and found guilty of manslaughter in a trial by jury in the District Court this week, receiving a sentence of five years in the penitentiary, today requested his attorneys, John L. Dannelley and Joseph W. Kenney, that no application be made for a new trial and that no appeal be taken from the judgment in the case.

The wish of the defendant will be respected by his counsel and in consequence no application for a new trial will be made and no appeal taken. The counsel for the defense stood ready to take any steps in behalf of their client, whom the, court had appointed them to defend, that he would be justly entitled to, but the action of the defendant in making this request of his attorneys, makes it incumbent upon them to let the decision stand without further proceedings.

As the extreme penalty may be inflicted in an indictment for murder, the manslaughter verdict is the lightest that can be inflicted in any finding of guilty under the indictment. The time allowed for filing an application for a new trial is two days. The sentence of the court in the McCoy case will be pronounced today.

## JAILED JUDGE IN IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS.

Indianapolis, Ind., May 14.—The impeachment proceedings brought in the Indiana Supreme Court against Judge Eli H. Redman, of the Vigo County Circuit Court, who is now a federal prisoner at Leavenworth for election fraud in connection with the famous Terre Haute case, will be heard today. Mayor Don M. Roberts of Terre Haute, the ringleader in the frauds, has already been impeached.

A summons for Judge Redman was left at the "usual place of residence" of the judge at Terre Haute, there being no provision for serving a summons on him in the federal prison. A suit is pending at Rockville, Ind., to contest the election of Judge Redman, and, should he be ousted from office by the Supreme Court, Governor Ralston will appoint a successor, to serve until the Rockville suit is determined.

Judge Redman was elected by a majority of ten votes last November over Charles Pulliam, the Republican candidate, for judge of the Circuit Court. A considerable portion of the federal indictment was devoted to the alleged frauds practiced in the Taylorville precincts of Terre Haute. These precincts gave Judge Redman enough votes to win. The government charged Redman with sending his son, Hilton Redman, a young lawyer, also convicted, to see that the regular election board of the Taylorville precincts was kept from serving. It was also charged that Judge Redman promised Charles Smiley that if he would vote all the names registered in a certain precinct, that he would appoint him bailiff of the court.

One of the most sensational features of the recent trial centered in the slush fund raised by assessing saloon keepers, gamblers and inhabitants of the under world by promising them immunity from punishment when they violated the law.

Judge Redman took the witness stand last March during the famous trial, and denied every item of evidence produced by the Government. He maintained his innocence of the charge of complicity in the conspiracy or the frauds as actually committed.

## TO HAVE CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN.

### Citizens of Laredo to Be Asked to Cooperate in the Work of Putting City in Sanitary Condition.

A prominent physician of Laredo stated to the Times reporter this morning that he had decided on the inauguration of a clean-up campaign in Laredo, having for its purpose the putting of the city in a wholesome, sanitary condition for the betterment of the health of the community.

"First, we are going after the mosquitoes," said the doctor, "and we are going to exterminate that disease-spreading pest. Recent investigations have proven that the mosquitoes in their breeding places are developing species of the dangerous type, and the sooner they are eradicated the better for Laredo. I do not at this time want to intimate anything that might be inferred to convey the idea that there is any probability of a serious epidemic of any kind being caused, but merely as a precaution the extermination of the mosquito is essential to the health of the city at this time. We are going to ask the co-operation of the entire citizenship in the clean-up campaign and the people, realizing that the move is a good one, will no doubt lend their undivided assistance."

Later the movement will be given fuller publicity and the plan of campaign outlined. In the meantime it might be well for citizens of Laredo interested in the public health to deliberate on the matter and be prepared to lend their energies to the successful carrying out of the clean-up work.

## WON BY LOSING.

Rastus—Ah done proposed t' yoh wife erbout six months befoh yo' all married her, Mose.

Mose—Am dat er fact?

Rastus—Yassah; an' I don had ma rabbit's foot on mah pusson at de time, but she turn'd meh down.

Mose (with a sigh)—Rastus, yo' all sho wuz lucky in havin' dat rabbit foot wid yo'. 'Deed yo' wuz.

From Thursday's Daily.

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 18.

A Joint Resolution proposing and submitting to a vote of the people of Texas an amendment to Section 52 of Article 3 of the Constitution, Authorizing the issuance of bonds for public improvements, and levying of a tax to pay the interest and sinking fund on same, and for maintenance.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 52, of Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as hereafter to read as follows, to-wit:

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Yours truly,

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Boston, May 13.—After being dependent for a lifetime on his earnings as a professional burglar, and receiving last year, at the age of 72, an estate valued at $800,000, Clark Parker, until recently of Winthrop, Mass., now finds himself defendant in four suits for a total of half of his fortune. The latest of these suits is filed here by La Banque de France, and is for $250,000. The bank alleges that Parker took from it on July 2, 1888, $847,672.90, that it has expended many thousands looking for Parker, and that the interest on its losses brings the damages to a quarter of a million. The alleged bank robbery took place at Lyons, France, when Parker "by means of a fraudulent trick or device" secured the money and absconded with it.

Parker received his fortune under the will of his brother, Benjamin Parker, a molasses broker. Clark Parker was as wild as his brother was steady-going. He visited all parts of the world, and the rogue's galleries everywhere record his visits. He served time in many prisons, and led a care-free life until a few years ago he settled down at Pasadena, Calif. Later he came to Boston, where a bitter contest was waged against the will of his brother by Prof. Frederick P. Gay of the University of California, a nephew of the Parkers. Clark Parker won the fortune, and immediately suits began to be filed against him. One is brought by the private secretary of the wealthy brother, who claimed ownership of $50,000 in bonds that were in the molasses broker's possession. The executors of the will also filed suit and Clark Parker's own lawyer is seeking $20,000 for his services.


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By Associated Press.

Cleveland, Ohio, May 13.—The United States district court today granted John D. Rockefeller an injunction to restrain the county tax collector from levying more than $1,500,000 in personal tax on Rockefeller.

### TO INVESTIGATE LOBBY.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, May 13.—A resolution was introduced in the senate today to investigate the lobby which Gov. Ferguson alleged exists in connection with the Gibson bill. No action will be taken until tomorrow, when it is expected the fate of the Gibson bill will be settled.

### BOYS TO FIGHT TYPHUS IN SERVIA.

Boston, May 13.—Fifteen college students, from Harvard, Massachusetts Inenstitute of Technology and Brown University, are sailing today for Servia, where they will engage in sanitation work to fight the big typhus fever epidemic which is wreaking havoc in that country. They have answered the appeal of Dr. Richard P. Strong, the Harvard biologist, who is now in charge of the forces fighting the disease under the American Red Cross auspices. All of the college men selected are fitting themselves for this sort of work. Many applications were received from students in medical schools, despite the great risk that attends the fighting of this dread disease.

### LAY-OFF FOR UNCLE SAM'S SCRUBWOMEN.

Washington, May 13.—A furlough of eight days without pay, for scrubwomen, elevator men, engineers and watchmen, in the employ of custodians of public buildings, has been ordered by the treasury department, because of a deficiency in the appropriation made by Congress for this work. Each and every employe in that branch of the service must take eight days off between now and June 30. Practically every government building in the larger cities is affected by the order.

### DESPERATE GUNMAN GOES TO HANGMAN TOMORROW.

Wilmington, Del., May 13.—The execution by the hangman here tomorrow of Peter Melba, convicted of the murder of a police officer, will remove one of the coolest and most heartless criminals in the history of the eastern states. With three others, one of whom has confessed, he entered the home of Rev. Joseph Zebroys in New Britain, Conn., and killed the priest and his housekeeper. The deed was one of the most bloodcurdling in Connecticut history. Then the gunmen came to Wilmington, loaded with loot, and attempted to dispose of it.

On March 6, a pawnbroker notified the police that two rough-looking men were trying to dispose of watches. The officers responded, but the gunmen dashed through the crowded street. Four police officers and several bystanders were shot by the fleeing desperadoes, but they were rounded up and saved from lynching. Melba, the leader of the gang, was the man who did the shooting. He was arraigned for the murder of Officer Francis X. Tierney, and on March 26th was sentenced to hang for the deed. Without the least sign of emotion he heard the sentence imposed. He must hang between the hours of ten and three tomorrow, and he has been under a death watch ever since his trial.

Bernard Montvid, the gunman captured with Melba, has confessed that the double murder of the priest and his housekeeper was done by four gunmen, two of whom were Melba and himself. The four men planned to kill the priest and rob his home. They went to the house, which is the parish house of the Lithuanian church in New Britain. Montvid kept watch outside while the other three entered. When the priest appeared, he was shot by Melba, says the confession. The housekeeper heard the shooting and screamed, whereupon some of the men went upstairs and strangled her with cords. The house was then robbed.

### "An Evening of Grand Opera."

This is the title of a two nights musical treat which will take place at the Market Hall on Friday and Saturday evening, comprising a program of high-class musical and grand opera selections in which the best talent in Laredo will participate. The program each evening is different. The "evenings of grand opera" will be given under the direction of Mrs. D. F. Anderson as a benefit for the library department of the Woman's Club and reserved seats are now on sale at Reed's drug store for both Friday and Saturday evenings.

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Washington, May 13.—President Wilson put the finishing touches on his note to Germany this forenoon. It is understood that he made no important changes, and the note still remains in substance as announced yesterday. The official text will not be issued until after the note is on the cable for Germany, which probably will be late today. It is known positively that the United States talked to no other neutrals concerning the note nor with any country over what the United States would do if Germany refuses the American demands. In some quarters friendly to Germany it is believed that Germany will accede and ask the United States to try to assist in securing unrestricted passage of foodstuffs to Germany.

### Brilliant French Success.

Paris, May 13.The official statement today says that the French won a brilliant success yesterday and last night north of Arras. At Notre Dame de Lorette the French captured a fort. All night the French fought to get through the vast quadrilateral network of trenches surrounding this fort, which consisted of a chapel. At daybreak the French were completely victorious. Last night the French captured all of the village of Carency and the wood north of it. The French won the Notre Dame fight largely with the bayonet, capturing more than 1,000 prisoners.

### Torpedoed Battleship Goliath.

London, May 13.—Winston Churchill announced in the house of commons today that the British battleship Goliath was torpedoed in the Dardanelles. It is feared that 500 lives were lost. Twenty officers and 160 men were rescued. The British submarine E-14 penetrated the Dardanelles, sinking two Turkish gunboats and one Turkish transport. The Goliath was an old battleship carrying four 12-inch guns. She is the third British battleship lost in the Dardanelles.

### Turkish Destroyers Did Work.

London, May 13.—Turkish destroyers torpedoed the Goliath while she was protecting the French flank just inside the straits.

### Sent to Home Countries.

London, May 13.—Premier Asquith announced today that all male enemies over military age would be sent to their home countries. The women and children will also be sent to Germany and Austria. Meanwhile all male enemies of military age will be segregated for their own safety.

### Captured African Capital.

London, May 13.—Gen. Botha's British troops yesterday captured Windhoek, the capital of German Southwest Africa. Gen. Botha announced that this means almost complete possession of German Southwest Africa.

### Allies' Decided Advance.

London, May 13.—Athens despatches report a decided advance of the allies' land forces at the Dardanelles. Some unconfirmed reports indicate that they control near all of the Gallipoli peninsula. Constantinople advices say that Turkey is threatening to send all British and French subjects in Turkey into the Gallipoli war zone.

### Use Palace for Hospital.

Rome, May 13.—The dowager queen has ordered the second floor of her palace transformed into a hospital for wounded in case of war.

# NO CHANGE IN POLICY AS REGARDS MEXICO

### DUVAL WEST'S REPORT WILL NOT BE MADE PUBLIC AND IS NOT CAUSE FOR ANY CHANGE.

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 13.—Secretary Bryan announced today that there would be no change in the policy of the administration as a result of Duval West's trip to Mexico. He said Mr. West's report would not be made public. Carranza despatches say that the Zapata forces are withdrawing from Mexico City, leaving practically no garrison. It is claimed that Carranza troops are in the outskirts of Monterey.

### Are Fighting Again.

El Paso, Texas, May 13.—Villa and Obregon are fighting again.

### FOOT AND MOUTH CONFERENCE.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, May 13.—The livestock commission will meet here Monday to confer with Gov. Ferguson over modifying the foot and mouth disease quarantine and further lifting this embargo.

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By Associated Press.

Montgomery, Ala., May 13.—The Alabama supreme court today upheld the legality of the anti-liquor advertising law.

### TOME SCHOOL CELEBRATION.

Port Deposit, Md., May 13.—Founders' Day is being celebrated today at Tome School. At the formal exercises in memory of Jacob Tome, who founded and endowed the famous preparatory school, Dr. Hamilton Wright Mabie, associate editor of the Outlook, will be the principal speaker this afternoon. After the exercises a reception will be held at the residence of Dr. Thomas S. Baker, headmaster of the school.

### HOBO SOCIETY AWAITS MELON CUTTING.

St. Louis, Mo., May 13.—Although James Eads How, the "millionaire hobo," has not yet settled the problem as to how to distribute his wealth to uplift the wanderlusters of America, the National Brotherhood Welfare Association, which has its headquarters here, is flourishing. The "Hobo News," the official organ of the society, has been pushed for two months on credit. Indeed liberal credit is extended in view of the $125,000 which How will soon devote to the welfare of the wanderers. How is still in the East trying to make up his mind.


### Notice to the Public.

At the southeast corner of the market, just outside of the door, you can get fresh fish and oysters every day, served in any style you wish. We also sell select and extra select oysters by the dozen or hundred, and select fish only by the pound to take home with you. We do not deliver these goods, but you can make your selection and take them with you.

J. W. HOPKINS, (Shorty.)

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Niles, O., May 13.—The tribune to William McKinley by the people of the United States, in the form of a massive memorial at his birthplace in this town, will cost a half million dollars. Architects have completed the plans, and the contracts are now being let.

An entire city bloock has been puchased, upon which the marble building will be placed. The building will be 232 feet in lenght, 136 feet deep and 36 feet high, thus making it even larger than the proposed Lincoln memorial at Washington.

One wing of the building will contain a library, to which $50,000 has already beeen contributed by William C. Frick. The opposite wing will contain an auditorium, while the center of the building and the second story will contain relics and rooms for the Grand Army posts.

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The project is under the care of the National McKinley Birthplace Memorial Association, of which J. G. Butler of Youngstown, O., is president, and whose members include Myron T. Herrick, W. A. Thompson, John G. Milbern of New York and J. G. Schidlapp of Cincinnati.


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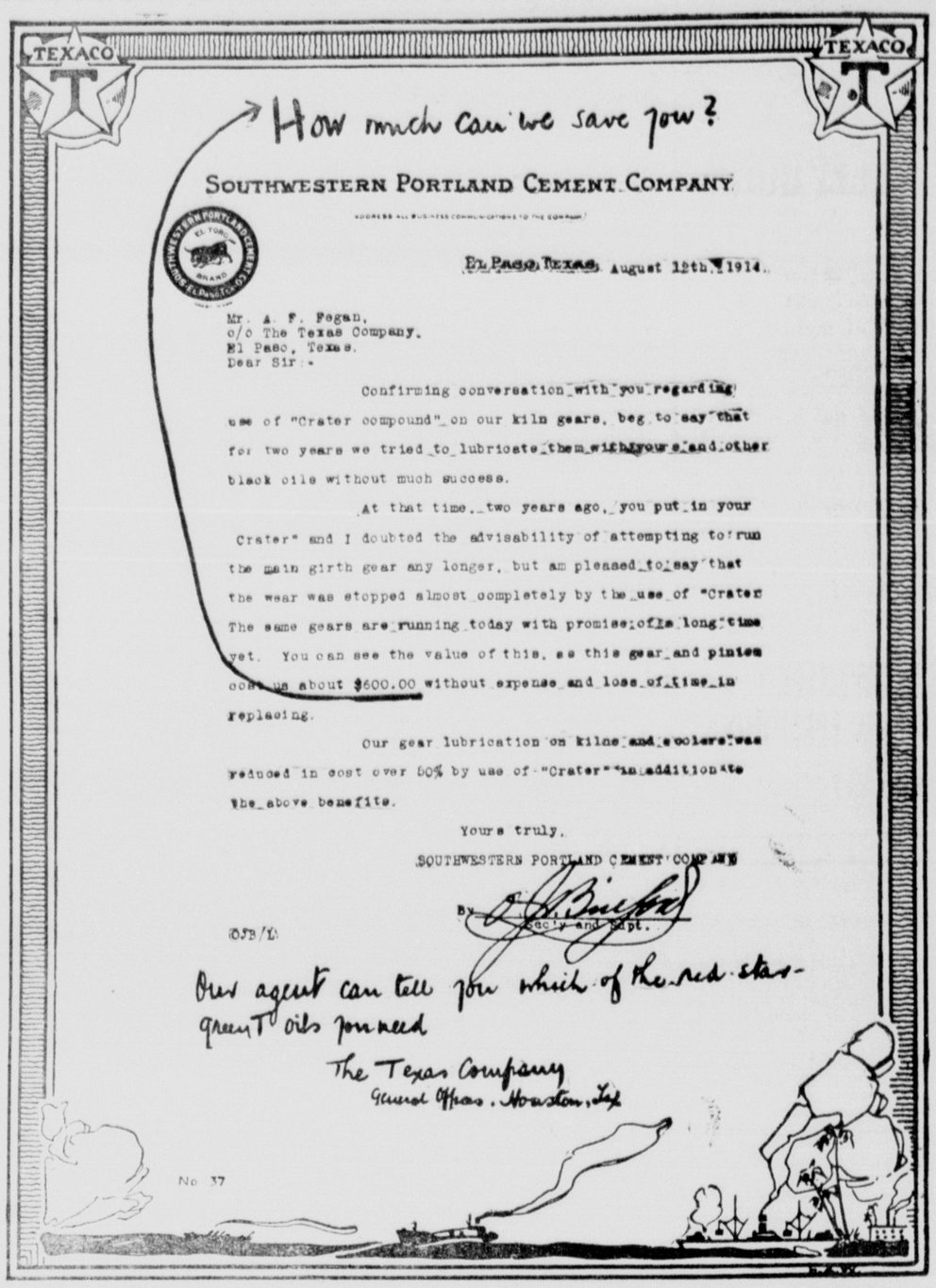
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Barbed wire cuts, ragged wounds, collar and harness galls heal up quickly when BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT is applied. It is both healing and antiseptic. Price 25c, 50c and $1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists. x

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### FRENCH BANK SUES CROOK WHO BECAME WEALTHY.

Boston, May 13.—After being dependent for a lifetime on his earnings as a professional burglar, and receiving last year, at the age of 72, an estate valued at $800,000, Clark Parker, until recently of Winthrop, Mass., now finds himself defendant in four suits for a total of half of his fortune. The latest of these suits is filed here by La Banque de France, and is for $250,000. The bank alleges that Parker took from it on July 2, 1888, $847,672.90, that it has expended many thousands looking for Parker, and that the interest on its losses brings the damages to a quarter of a million. The alleged bank robbery took place at Lyons, France, when Parker "by means of a frauduient trick or device" secured the money and absconded with it.

Parker received his fortune under the will of his brother, Benjamin Parker, a molasses broker. Clark Parker was as wild as his brother was steady-going. He visited all parts of the world, and the rogue's galleries everywhere record his visits. He served time in many prisons, and led a care-free life until a few years ago he settled down at Pasadena, Calif. Later he came to Boston, where a bitter contest was waged against the will of his brother by Prof. Frederick P. Gay of the University of California, a nephew of the Parkers. Clark Parker won the fortune, and immediately suits began to be filed against him. One is brought by the private secretary of the wealthy brother, who claimed ownership of $50,000 in bonds that were in the molasses broker's possession. The executors of the will also filed suit and Clark Parker's own lawyer is seeking $20,000 for his services.


Chas. Chaplin at The Strand Saturday. (Adv.)

### Whooping Cough.

Well—everybody knows the effect of Pine Forests on Coughs. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is a remedy which brings quick relief for Whooping Cough, loosens the mucus, soothes the lining of the throat and lungs, and makes the coughing spells less severe. A family with growing children should not be without it. Keep it handy for all Coughs and Colds. 25c. at Your Druggist. •

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Chas. Chaplin at The Strand Saturday. (Adv.)


# BELIEVED GERMANY WILL ACCEDE TO THE DEMANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

## No Conference with Other Powers Concerning the Note and No Discussion of What the United States will Do If Germany Refuses the American Demand, but Believed Germany's Response Favorable.

### ROCKEFELLER GOT INJUCTION.

By Associated Press.

Cleveland, Ohio, May 13.—The United States district court today granted John D. Rockefeller an injunction to restrain the county tax collector from levying more than $1,500,000 in personal tax on Rockefeller.

### TO INVESTIGATE LOBBY.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, May 13.—A resolution was introduced in the senate today to investigate the lobby which Gov. Ferguson alleged exists in connection with the Gibson bill. No action will be taken until tomorrow, when it is expected the fate of the Gibson bill will be settled.

### BOYS TO FIGHT TYPHUS IN SERVIA.

Boston, May 13.—Fifteen college students, from Harvard, Massachusetts Inenstitute of Technology and Brown University, are sailing today for Servia, where they will engage in sanitation work to fight the big typhus fever epidemic which is wreaking havoc in that country. They have answered the appeal of Dr. Richard P. Strong, the Harvard biologist, who is now in charge of the forces fighting the disease under the American Red Cross auspices. All of the college men selected are fitting themselves for this sort of work. Many applications were received from students in medical schools, despite the great risk that attends the fighting of this dread disease.

### LAY-OFF FOR UNCLE SAM'S SCRUBWOMEN.

Washington, May 13.—A furlough of eight days without pay, for scrubwomen, elevator men, engineers and watchmen, in the employ of custodians of public buildings, has been ordered by the treasury department, because of a deficiency in the appropriation made by Congress for this work. Each and every employe in that branch of the service must take eight days off between now and June 30. Practically every government building in the larger cities is affected by the order.

### DESPERATE GUNMAN GOES TO HANGMAN TOMORROW.

Wilmington, Del., May 13.—The execution by the hangman here tomorrow of Peter Melba, convicted of the murder of a police officer, will remove one of the coolest and most heartless criminals in the history of the eastern states. With three others, one of whom has confessed, he entered the home of Rev. Joseph Zebroys in New Britain, Conn., and killed the priest and his housekeeper. The deed was one of the most bloodcurdling in Connecticut history. Then the gunmen came to Wilmington, loaded with loot, and attempted to dispose of it.

On March 6, a pawnbroker notified the police that two rough-looking men were trying to dispose of watches. The officers responded, but the gunmen dashed through the crowded street. Four police officers and several bystanders were shot by the fleeing desperadoes, but they were rounded up and saved from lynching. Melba, the leader of the gang, was the man who did the shooting. He was arraigned for the murder of Officer Francis X. Tierney, and on March 26th was sentenced to hang for the deed. Without the least sign of emotion he heard the sentence imposed. He must hang between the hours of ten and three tomorrow, and he has been under a death watch ever since his trial.

Bernard Montvid, the gunman captured with Melba, has confessed that the double murder of the priest and his housekeeper was done by four gunmen, two of whom were Melba and himself. The four men planned to kill the priest and rob his home. They went to the house, which is the parish house of the Lithuanian church in New Britain. Montvid kept watch outside while the other three entered. When the priest appeared, he was shot by Melba, says the confession. The housekeeper heard the shooting and screamed, whereupon some of the men went upstairs and strangled her with cords. The house was then robbed.


### "An Evening of Grand Opera."

This is the title of a two nights musical treat which will take place at the Market Hall on Friday and Saturday evening, comprising a program of high-class musical and grand opera selections in which the best talent in Laredo will participate. The program each evening is different. The "evenings of grand opera" will be given under the direction of Mrs. D. F. Anderson as a benefit for the library department of the Woman's Club and reserved seats are now on sale at Reed's drug store for both Friday and Saturday evenings.


By Associated Press.

Washington, May 13.—President Wilson put the finishing touches on his note to Germany this forenoon. It is understood that he made no important changes, and the note still remains in substance as announced yesterday. The official text will not be issued until after the note is on the cable for Germany, which probably will be late today. It is known positively that the United States talked to no other neutrals concerning the note nor with any country over what the United States would do if Germany refuses the American demands. In some quarters friendly to Germany it is believed that Germany will accede and ask the United States to try to assist in securing unrestricted passage of foodstuffs to Germany.

### Brilliant French Success.

Paris, May 13.The official statement today says that the French won a brilliant success yesterday and last night north of Arras. At Notre Dame de Lorette the French captured a fort. All night the French fought to get through the vast quadrilateral network of trenches surrounding this fort, which consisted of a chapel. At daybreak the French were completely victorious. Last night the French captured all of the village of Carency and the wood north of it. The French won the Notre Dame fight largely with the bayonet, capturing more than 1,000 prisoners.

### Torpedoed Battleship Goliath.

London, May 13.—Winston Churchill announced in the house of commons today that the British battleship Goliath was torpedoed in the Dardanelles. It is feared that 500 lives were lost. Twenty officers and 160 men were rescued. The British submarine E-14 penetrated the Dardanelles, sinking two Turkish gunboats and one Turkish transport. The Goliath was an old battleship carrying four 12-inch guns. She is the third British battleship lost in the Dardanelles.

### Turkish Destroyers Did Work.

London, May 13.—Turkish destroyers torpedoed the Goliath while she was protecting the French flank just inside the straits.

### Sent to Home Countries.

London, May 13.—Premier Asquith announced today that all male enemies over military age would be sent to their home countries. The women and children will also be sent to Germany and Austria. Meanwhile all male enemies of military age will be segregated for their own safety.

### Captured African Capital.

London, May 13.—Gen. Botha's British troops yesterday captured Windhoek, the capital of German Southwest Africa. Gen. Botha announced that this means almost complete possession of German Southwest Africa.

### Allies' Decided Advance.

London, May 13.—Athens despatches report a decided advance of the allies' land forces at the Dardanelles. Some unconfirmed reports indicate that they control near all of the Gallipoli peninsula. Constantinople advices say that Turkey is threatening to send all British and French subjects in Turkey into the Gallipoli war zone.

### Use Palace for Hospital.

Rome, May 13.—The dowager queen has ordered the second floor of her palace transformed into a hospital for wounded in case of war.

## NO CHANGE IN POLICY AS REGARDS MEXICO

### DUVAL WEST'S REPORT WILL NOT BE MADE PUBLIC AND IS NOT CAUSE FOR ANY CHANGE.

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 13.—Secretary Bryan announced today that there would be no change in the policy of the administration as a result of Duval West's trip to Mexico. He said Mr. West's report would not be made public. Carranza despatches say that the Zapata forces are withdrawing from Mexico City, leaving practically no garrison. It is claimed that Carranza troops are in the outskirts of Monterey.

### Are Fighting Again.

El Paso, Texas, May 13.—Villa and Obregon are fighting again.

### FOOT AND MOUTH CONFERENCE.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, May 13.—The livestock commission will meet here Monday to confer with Gov. Ferguson over modifying the foot and mouth disease quarantine and further lifting this embargo.

### ADVERTISING LAW LEGAL.

By Associated Press.

Montgomery, Ala., May 13.—The Alabama supreme court today upheld the legality of the anti-liquor advertising law.

### TOME SCHOOL CELEBRATION.

Port Deposit, Md., May 13.—Founders' Day is being celebrated today at Tome School. At the formal exercises in memory of Jacob Tome, who founded and endowed the famous preparatory school, Dr. Hamilton Wright Mabie, associate editor of the Outlook, will be the principal speaker this afternoon. After the exercises a reception will be held at the residence of Dr. Thomas S. Baker, headmaster of the school.

### HOBO SOCIETY AWAITS MELON CUTTING.

St. Louis, Mo., May 13.—Although James Eads How, the "millionaire hobo," has not yet settled the problem as to how to distribute his wealth to uplift the wanderlusters of America, the National Brotherhood Welfare Association, which has its headquarters here, is flourishing. The "Hobo News," the official organ of the society, has been pushed for two months on credit. Indeed liberal credit is extended in view of the $125,000 which How will soon devote to the welfare of the wanderers. How is still in the East trying to make up his mind.


### Notice to the Public.

At the southeast corner of the market, just outside of the door, you can get fresh fish and oysters every day, served in any style you wish. We also sell select and extra select oysters by the dozen or hundred, and select fish only by the pound to take home with you. We do not deliver these goods, but you can make your selection and take them with you.

J. W. HOPKINS, (Shorty.)

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### McKINLEY MEMORIAL PLANS READY.

Niles, O., May 13.—The tribune to William McKinley by the people of the United States, in the form of a massive memorial at his birthplace in this town, will cost a half million dollars. Architects have completed the plans, and the contracts are now being let.

An entire city bloock has been puchased, upon which the marble building will be placed. The building will be 232 feet in lenght, 136 feet deep and 36 feet high, thus making it even larger than the proposed Lincoln memorial at Washington.

One wing of the building will contain a library, to which $50,000 has already beeen contributed by William C. Frick. The opposite wing will contain an auditorium, while the center of the building and the second story will contain relics and rooms for the Grand Army posts.

In front of the building will be placed a statue of President McKinley. In the court of honor will be bronze busts of Senator Mark Hanna. Secretary John Hay, former President Taft and other men who were associated with the martyred president. Busts of men prominent in the iron and steel industry will also be placed there.

The structure is to be of marble and will be surrounded by a small park. It will front on the main street of the city, within a stone's throw of the birthplace of McKinley. It will stand on the lot where was located the little schoolhouse where McKinley received his early education.

The project is under the care of the National McKinley Birthplace Memorial Association, of which J. G. Butler of Youngstown, O., is president, and whose members include Myron T. Herrick, W. A. Thompson, John G. Milbern of New York and J. G. Schidlapp of Cincinnati.


### A Sluggish Liver Needs Attention.

Let your Liver get torpid and you are in for a spell of misery. Everybody gets an attack now and then. Thousands of people keep their Livers active and healthy by using Dr. King's New Life Pills. Fine for the Stomach, too. Stop the Dizziness, Constipation, Biliousness and Indigestion. Clear the blood. Only 25c. at Your Druggist. •

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From Wednesday's Daily.

## AMERICAN OPINION.

The tone of the articles in the various newspapers throughout the country, while differing something as to the legal right of the Germans to torpedo a British ship on the high seas, is almost unanimous that it was a dead of the outmost savagery.

The New Orleans Times-Picayune, one of the authoritative newspapers of the South, alludes to the fact that "American women and children were slaughtered because they dared to travel along a road over which the Kaiser had placed the skull and crossbones." It adds that it was "a deed of murder done in cold blood with all the scientific skill of a vivisection."

The Philadelphia Inquirer says: "No person blessed with even a semblance of human instincts could imagine that even a fiend in the lowest depths of the most orthodox hell could possibly conceive of a crime so diabolical, so damnable, so villainous as would be the torpedoing of a passenger ship with only neutrals and non-combatants aboard."

The Philadelphia Public Ledger says: "Only one word characterizes adequately the policy of Germany in this matter. That word is piracy. There is no shadow of excuse for its military necessity."

The Los Angeles Times says: "It was an act so wicked, so devilish in its conception and horrible in its execution as to place the nation responsible for its perpetration outside the pale of civilization."

The New York Herald says: "This cold-blooded, premeditated outrage on a colossal scale will cause such a blinding white light of indignation throughout the neutral portion of the world, unhappily growing smaller and smaller, that there cannot conceivably be in Washington any thought of turning back from the note to Germany sent February 10."

The New York World: "We venture to say that no single act of this conflict has so outraged American opinion or so riddled German prestige in this country as the destruction of the Lusitania...The military gains are trifling. The moral losses are incalculable."

The Memphis Commercial-Appeal says: "Unless the United States is another China, the people of this country will not tolerate the destruction of the lives of Americans who may be passengers upon ships of commerce, no matter under what flag these ships are. The United States will be beneath the contempt of all other nations of the world, great and powerful as it is, if it permits its people to be treated as if they were the subjects of a breech-clouted savage. The torpedoing of the Lusitania with its human cargo of non-combatants was assassination on the high seas."

There are many other comments which show that the vile act of the Germans has aroused such a storm of indignation as will not readily be calmed. Already there are some newspapers which have seen the tendency of the American people to demand reparation for the horrible crime, and they are counselling calmness and moderation until President Wilson can give the matter due consideration.

Many newspapers have compared the incident to the sinking of the Maine, but they must remember that the Maine had aboard it no children of tender years; no women carefully nurtured; no aged men who were beyond the time when they might be considered a menace.

As an example of the utter depravity of the German point of view regarding this incident, read the following from The Fatherland, the official organ of the German Kaiser in the United States, which was printed before the Lusitania was sunk:

"The Gulflight carried contraband through the war zone. She was bound for an enemy's port. She paid the penalty of her foolhardiness. **Before long, a large passenger ship like the Lusitania, carrying implements of murder to Great Britain, will meet with a similar fate. If any American IS FOOLISH ENOUGH TO TRUST HIS LIFE TO A BRITISH SHIP, in spite of the explicit warning of the German embassy, he has only himself to blame if he meets with mishap.** (Italics ours.)

## A USEFUL INSTITUTION.

The Laredo Library, instituted two years ago by the Woman's Club, is one of the institutions that our city would find it hard to do without. At the same time it is an institution that is costing the city nothing, is costing very little to the citizens outside of the membership of the club, and rarely have the people of this city been asked to aid in any way this important work.

The library, which started modestly with one hundred volumes, has steadily grown through the unremitting efforts of the members of the club and of the indefatigable librarian, Mrs. W. W. MacGregor, until it now has about six hundred volumes, part of them contributed and the rest purchased out of the funds devoted to the work.

The cost to the residents of Laredo is small. Those wishing to take out books pay the ridiculously small sum of 25 cents a month, which entitles them to the privileges of drawing out books, reading in the rooms while open, consulting reference books—in fact all the usual library privileges.

The Woman's Club does not confine its activities to the conduct of the library, but this to the people of Laredo is one of its most important functions. And the value of the work cannot be calculated in material terms.

There is growing up in Laredo a young generation which will be the future governing power of the city. A part only of its education is derived from the public schools. The rest of its education must be gained from experience and from reading.

It is to supply this latter important part of the curriculum that the library exists. In the reading of even fiction there is a certain educational value, aside from the mere aesthetic pleasure derived, and the reading of good books should form a part of every intelligent person's life.

We are told that "Much reading maketh a full man," and the experience of the ages has proved the truth of this assertion. The reader is apt to be less self-conceited, less bumptious, more useful to the community while less self-assertive, than the one who does no reading.

Now the Woman's Club is to have a benefit for the library fund. The people of Laredo are to be given an opportunity to do their duty toward this self-sacrificing organization and to help it in extending its work. It is a privilege, as well as a duty, to aid in developing the Laredo Library and extending its sphere of usefulness.

At the same time, the citizens are to be given an evening of rare enjoyment one that is seldom offered here, in return for the money they pay for the library fund.

Laredo has many musicians of more than average ability. She has also many music-lovers who find it difficult to secure the privileges of listening to good music such as are open to the residents of other cities.

One of our best musicians has charge of the "Evening of Grand Opera" which is to be given next Friday and Saturday, and the announcement that Mrs. D. F. Anderson is directing the solo and chorus work is evidence that the music will be well rendered and the program will be well selected.

Every citizen of Laredo should make it his duty to attend the performances and thus aid in the development of the library which means so much to the future of the city's youth as well as the pleasure of the grown folks.

By attending the performances, the people of Laredo will not only secure for themselves an evening of rich enjoyment, but they will also place the stamp of their approval on the work which has been carried on unflaggingly by the good women of Laredo, who have worked without any thought of personal benefit, but only for the good of the city.

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The Fatherland, the organ of the Kaiser in New York, is publishing a list of the directors of American companies who have been supplying war material to the allies. While we are at it, let us remember who are the stockholders of the German company which supplied war materials to the Filipinos who were murdering Americans a few years ago. Two of them are Frau Bertha Krupp and Wilhelm II, German Kaiser, King of Prussia, etc.

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As an endeavor to get back in the front page position which he has lost since the Lusitania affair, Pancho Villa announces that he has destroyed the left wing of Obregon's army. If he really wants to be noticed he will have to do better than that—capture Obregon himself, shave Carranza's whiskers or something of equal import.

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The sailing of the Mauretania, sister ship of the Lusitania, has been cancelled. But not for long. The day of reckoning will soon come and then the sea will be open to the ships of all nations, except perhaps the Germans.

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It is evident that the German naval flag has been changed, eliminating the red and white and turning the black eagle into a white skull and cross bones. Well, the career of the Jolly Roger is not for long in this age.

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The little children who were murdered on the Lusitania are said to look like dolls as they lie in the morgue. But they will look more like avenging angels to the majority of the people of America.

## RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

**Texas Mexican.**

Leaves for Corpus Christi at 8:20 a. m.

Arrives from Corpus Christi at 3:55 p. m. Standard time.

**International & Great Northern.**

Through fast train for St. Louis leaves at 1:15 and arrives at 2 p. m.

**I. & G. N. Night Train.**

Leaves at 9 p. m. and arrives at 7:45 a. m.

**Rio Grande & Eagle Pass.**

Train No. 1 leaves Laredo daily except Sunday at 8 a. m. Arrives at Minera at 10:30 a. m.

Train No. 2 leaves Minera daily except Sunday at 1:15 p. m. Arrives at Laredo at 3.30 p. m.


## Many Recoveries From Lung Trouble

Eckman's Alterative has restored to health many sufferers from lung trouble. Read what it did in this case:—

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**(Affidavit) JAS. SQUIRES.**

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## VOICE OF TEXAS.

**An Important Work.**

At its recent session Congress appropriated $438,800 for Tick Eradication work during the coming year. This is an increase of $38,800 over the appropriation for the present fiscal year. This fund, with the increased appropriations of the states, will insure the continuation of this successful and important work.—Progressive Farmer.

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**Barring Comanche Hogs.**

Comanche county farmers, business men and newspapers are up in arms against the packing houses at Fort Worth because the packing houses have been discriminating against the peanut-fed hogs which Comanche county has been shipping to Fort Worth. We are not an expert on hog raising or the meat industry, but we have an idea that a scientific investigation would reveal the fact that the peanut-fattened hog is as good a product as the grain-fattened hog. At least he would taste as well, and we see no reason why he should not bring the same price. Information is that the Comanche county farmers will switch to the St. Louis markets unless the Fort Worth packers come across.—Waco News.

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**Of Good Material.**

Villa paid $400 for a bath tub and $50 for a suit of underwear. Nobody appears to know how much he paid for his running shoes, but they appear to be wearing well.—Houston Post.

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**Shore Do Move.**

Also there was a time when many of us read with flushed cheeks the tales of ancient Troy, where they fought with clubs and oratory. And now behold civilized and religionized aviators are flying over it dropping bombs on the foot soldiers beneath. The world has indeed become "progressive."—Beaumont Journal.

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**Still Superstitions.**

The Federal authorities at Houston have stopped a certain class of doctors there from practicing, but they have so far lacked courage to prohibit Brookshire people from carrying potatoes in their pockets to cure rheumatism.—Sealy News.

Neither has anybody stopped some Cooke County people from wearing a horseshoe nail bent around their finger for the same purpose.—Gainesville Signal.

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**Creditable to Him.**

Some newspapers are being censured in some quarters because they no longer bow at the shrine of William J. Bryan. And why not censure the President? Woodrow Wilson not only voted against Bryan when he was a candidate for the presidency, but is on record as having expressed the wish that the Nebraskan could be "knocked into a cocked hat."—El Paso Times.

If it were possible, this information would heighten our estimation of President Wilson.—Austin American.

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**What's the Use.**

Some people's idea of the fitness of things is to carefully plant trees and then provide the small boy of the family with an air gun to kill any birds which might prevent the insects getting in their work with the aforesaid trees. The idea such have of a song bird is a half dead canary in a little cage,—they utterly fail to appreciate the music of the little songsters in the trees and bushes about the house. Now if the aforesaid air gunners were trained in marksmanship to the degree necessary to kill a fly and were turned loose on this pest with a plentiful supply of ammunition—but then, wath's the use?—Port Arthur Record.

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**Too Good to Happen.**

If Carranza could get Huerta, Villa get Carranza, Diaz get Villa, Zapata get Diaz and the devil Zapata, peace likely would prevail in Mexico for the unprecedented space of forty-eight hours.—Austin American.

## THIS DATE IN HISTORY

MAY 12.

1621—First marriage in the Plymouth colony took place, between Edward Winslow and Susanna White.

1780—Charleston, S. C., surrendered to the British; 2,500 men and 400 cannon fell into the hands of the invaders.

1797—Bonaparte took possession of Venice, which boasted an independence of fourteen centuries.

1809—Vienna, capital of Austria, captured by the French. The emperor left his daughter, Maria Luisa, at the palace because of illness. Bonaparte ordered cessation of firing in that direction, and afterwards married the princess.

1820—Florence Nightingale, famous Crimean war nurse, born at Florence, Italy. Died in London, Aug. 13, 1910.

1854—British frigate "Tiger" stranded at Odessa and was destroyed by the Russians.

1859—British government declared neutrality in war between Austria and Italy.

1870—Province of Manitoba formed, with Adams G. Archibald as governor.

1874—University of London resolved to admit women to degrees.

1879—John Henry Newman became a Cardinal.

1914—U. S. Senate adopted bill providing means for popular election of U. S. Senators in states where laws were not provided.

## THIS IS MY 56th BIRTHDAY

HON. W. A. SMITH.

Hon. William Alden Smith, United States Senator from Michigan, who began his career at Grand Rapids as a newsboy and messenger boy, is 56 years old today. Senator Smith is one of the bright lights which furnish inspiration and hope to boys in America. By hard work and perseverance he attracted notice as an efficient messenger boy, and received an appointment as page of the Michigan House of Representatives. He studied law in his leisure hours, and at the age of 24 was admitted to the bar. So successful was he and so popular that he was boomed for political office.

Senator Smith was born at Dowagiac, Mich., May 12, 1859. He received a common school education, and moved with his parents to parents to Grand Rapids when he was 13. He continued to study and sell papers, and then blossomed out in the uniform of a Western Union messenger. His first public office was as a Congressman, and he served with distinction for twelve years, resigning to become United States Senator in 1907. His present term expires in 1919. He is a member of the committees on naval affairs, foreign relations, commerce, Cuban relations and other important Senate committees, and is one of the prominent Republicans in the upper House.


**Rheumatism Yields Quickly to Sloan's.**

You can't prevent an attack of Rheumatism from coming on, but you can stop it almost immediately. Sloan's Liniment gently applied to the sore joint or muscle penetrates in a few minutes to the inflamed spot that causes the pain. It soothes the hot, tender, swollen feeling, and in a very short time brings a relief that it almost unbelievable until you experience it. Get a bottle of Sloan's Liniment for 25c. of any Druggist and have it in the house—against Colds, Sore and Swollen Joints, Lumbago, Sciatica and like ailments. Your money back if not satisfied, but it does give almost instant relief

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## RACING TEAM AS HONOREES AT LUNCHEON LAST NIGHT

GOOD SIZED CROWD IN ATTENDANCE TO ENJOY THE EVENING

Several Interesting Talks were Made by Members of Racing Team and Fire Department Called on.

The reception and luncheon given at the Firemen's Hall last night by the Laredo Fire Department complimentary to those members comprising the Laredo Racing Team, which constitutes both the reel racers and Paris rule team which won the trophy cup at Waco, was one of those delightful affairs that always characterize firemen's get-together events. There were a total of forty-five present in the hall when President Richter asked them to assemble around the improvised festal board. Here each lifted a glass of refreshment and to the words spoken by President Richter, drank a toast to the Laredo Racing Team and especially Paris Rules Team No. 2.

The eats on this occasion consisted of chicken and ham sandwiches and Bottleweiser, the chicken sandwiches being made by Mrs. A. C. Richter and sent to the fireboys. There was a plentiful supply on hand and the slogan, "eat, drink and be merry" without any excesses dominated the meeting.

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Laboring Under Hallucination That Police Were Shadowing Him, Man Jumped Into the Audience.

Last night a Mexican, Bruno Recio, believed to be mentally aberrated, entered the Strand Theatre, after being given admission ticket by Justice Slaughter, and ascended to the balcony. Here he sat in absolute quietness for a while, then suddenly he began to soliloquize and uttered something to the effect that "I have committed no crime and am going to kill myself," at the same time rising to his feet. In the throes of a horrible hallucination of some kind, he advanced to the balcony railing.

Those who had kept an eye on the man became suspicious regarding the stability of his think factory and one man arose and went downstairs to advise Manager Brewer of what was transpiring. But while the man was conversing with Manager Brewer about the strange man in the balcony the other made the hazardous leap, landing on the back of a man in the audience and striking one of the electric fans in his descent. One or two women in the audience screamed, the band, through the presence of mind of the manager, was instructed to strike up a lively tune and the excitement was passed over without many in the house knowing what had transpired. Recio was not hurt by the fall and was later taken charge of by City Marshal Brennan and locked up in jail.

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## "BORRACHITA" GOES TO RANGE.

Mascot of Co. H, Accompanies Three Companies of Ninth Infantry to Target Range This Morning.

Three companies of the Ninth Infantry left this morning for the target range seven miles east of the city to join the other three companies which left here yesterday and will remain there several weeks at practice on bullseyes and other regulation targets.

Accompanying the soldiery leaving here this morning was the mascot of Co. H, a jennet, who walked by the side of her company as proud and dignified as any soldier in line. "Borrachita," as the jennet is known, is a typical mascot and her happiest time is after pay-day, for she can drink booze or beer, gets on a "high glory" with the boys and can do everything they do but swear, and at these times she "sings" for more beer. But when "Borrachita" gets "boozy" and her companions want to come to town, she is held in leash at a stake. On the target range "Borrachita" will graze while her comrades shoot at targets.

**Call For Bids.**

Bids for the construction of two reenforced concrete bridges to be placed across the Zacate and Chacon creeks, subject to the result of a bond election, which will be called for later, will be received at the office of the City Secretary by the Street and Bridge Committee until June 15th, 1915, at ten o'clock in the morning, and then opened. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of the City Secretary. Separate bids will be required. Should private plans be wanted same can be secured by the payment of ten dollars to the City Secretary. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

J. S. WESTBROOK,
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5-5-td. (Adv.)

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From Wednesday's Daily.

## AMERICAN OPINION.

The tone of the articles in the various newspapers throughout the country, while differing something as to the legal right of the Germans to torpedo a British ship on the high seas, is almost unanimous that it was a dead of the outmost savagery.

The New Orleans Times-Picayune, one of the authoritative newspapers of the South, alludes to the fact that "American women and children were slaughtered because they dared to travel along a road over which the Kaiser had placed the skull and crossbones." It adds that it was "a deed of murder done in cold blood with all the scientific skill of a vivisection."

The Philadelphia Inquirer says: "No person blessed with even a semblance of human instincts could imagine that even a fiend in the lowest depths of the most orthodox hell could possibly conceive of a crime so diabolical, so damnable, so villainous as would be the torpedoing of a passenger ship with only neutrals and non-combatants aboard."

The Philadelphia Public Ledger says: "Only one word characterizes adequately the policy of Germany in this matter. That word is piracy. There is no shadow of excuse for its military necessity."

The Los Angeles Times says: "It was an act so wicked, so devilish in its conception and horrible in its execution as to place the nation responsible for its perpetration outside the pale of civilization."

The New York Herald says: "This cold-blooded, premeditated outrage on a colossal scale will cause such a blinding white light of indignation throughout the neutral portion of the world, unhappily growing smaller and smaller, that there cannot conceivably be in Washington any thought of turning back from the note to Germany sent February 10."

The New York World: "We venture to say that no single act of this conflict has so outraged American opinion or so riddled German prestige in this country as the destruction of the Lusitania...The military gains are trifling. The moral losses are incalculable."

The Memphis Commercial-Appeal says: "Unless the United States is another China, the people of this country will not tolerate the destruction of the lives of Americans who may be passengers upon ships of commerce, no matter under what flag these ships are. The United States will be beneath the contempt of all other nations of the world, great and powerful as it is, if it permits its people to be treated as if they were the subjects of a breech-clouted savage. The torpedoing of the Lusitania with its human cargo of non-combatants was assassination on the high seas."

There are many other comments which show that the vile act of the Germans has aroused such a storm of indignation as will not readily be calmed. Already there are some newspapers which have seen the tendency of the American people to demand reparation for the horrible crime, and they are counselling calmness and moderation until President Wilson can give the matter due consideration.

Many newspapers have compared the incident to the sinking of the Maine, but they must remember that the Maine had aboard it no children of tender years; no women carefully nurtured; no aged men who were beyond the time when they might be considered a menace.

As an example of the utter depravity of the German point of view regarding this incident, read the following from The Fatherland, the official organ of the German Kaiser in the United States, which was printed before the Lusitania was sunk:

"The Gulflight carried contraband through the war zone. She was bound for an enemy's port. She paid the penalty of her foolhardiness. **Before long, a large passenger ship like the Lusitania, carrying implements of murder to Great Britain, will meet with a similar fate. If any American IS FOOLISH ENOUGH TO TRUST HIS LIFE TO A BRITISH SHIP, in spite of the explicit warning of the German embassy, he has only himself to blame if he meets with mishap.** (Italics ours.)

## A USEFUL INSTITUTION.

The Laredo Library, instituted two years ago by the Woman's Club, is one of the institutions that our city would find it hard to do without. At the same time it is an institution that is costing the city nothing, is costing very little to the citizens outside of the membership of the club, and rarely have the people of this city been asked to aid in any way this important work.

The library, which started modestly with one hundred volumes, has steadily grown through the unremitting efforts of the members of the club and of the indefatigable librarian, Mrs. W. W. MacGregor, until it now has about six hundred volumes, part of them contributed and the rest purchased out of the funds devoted to the work.

The cost to the residents of Laredo is small. Those wishing to take out books pay the ridiculously small sum of 25 cents a month, which entitles them to the privileges of drawing out books, reading in the rooms while open, consulting reference books—in fact all the usual library privileges.

The Woman's Club does not confine its activities to the conduct of the library, but this to the people of Laredo is one of its most important functions. And the value of the work cannot be calculated in material terms.

There is growing up in Laredo a young generation which will be the future governing power of the city. A part only of its education is derived from the public schools. The rest of its education must be gained from experience and from reading.

It is to supply this latter important part of the curriculum that the library exists. In the reading of even fiction there is a certain educational value, aside from the mere aesthetic pleasure derived, and the reading of good books should form a part of every intelligent person's life.

We are told that "Much reading maketh a full man," and the experience of the ages has proved the truth of this assertion. The reader is apt to be less self-conceited, less bumptious, more useful to the community while less self-assertive, than the one who does no reading.

Now the Woman's Club is to have a benefit for the library fund. The people of Laredo are to be given an opportunity to do their duty toward this self-sacrificing organization and to help it in extending its work. It is a privilege, as well as a duty, to aid in developing the Laredo Library and extending its sphere of usefulness.

At the same time, the citizens are to be given an evening of rare enjoyment one that is seldom offered here, in return for the money they pay for the library fund.

Laredo has many musicians of more than average ability. She has also many music-lovers who find it difficult to secure the privileges of listening to good music such as are open to the residents of other cities.

One of our best musicians has charge of the "Evening of Grand Opera" which is to be given next Friday and Saturday, and the announcement that Mrs. D. F. Anderson is directing the solo and chorus work is evidence that the music will be well rendered and the program will be well selected.

Every citizen of Laredo should make it his duty to attend the performances and thus aid in the development of the library which means so much to the future of the city's youth as well as the pleasure of the grown folks.

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The Fatherland, the organ of the Kaiser in New York, is publishing a list of the directors of American companies who have been supplying war material to the allies. While we are at it, let us remember who are the stockholders of the German company which supplied war materials to the Filipinos who were murdering Americans a few years ago. Two of them are Frau Bertha Krupp and Wilhelm II, German Kaiser, King of Prussia, etc.

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As an endeavor to get back in the front page position which he has lost since the Lusitania affair, Pancho Villa announces that he has destroyed the left wing of Obregon's army. If he really wants to be noticed he will have to do better than that—capture Obregon himself, shave Carranza's whiskers or something of equal import.

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The sailing of the Mauretania, sister ship of the Lusitania, has been cancelled. But not for long. The day of reckoning will soon come and then the sea will be open to the ships of all nations, except perhaps the Germans.

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It is evident that the German naval flag has been changed, eliminating the red and white and turning the black eagle into a white skull and cross bones. Well, the career of the Jolly Roger is not for long in this age.

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The little children who were murdered on the Lusitania are said to look like dolls as they lie in the morgue. But they will look more like avenging angels to the majority of the people of America.

## RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

**Texas Mexican.**

Leaves for Corpus Christi at 8:20 a. m.

Arrives from Corpus Christi at 3:55 p. m. Standard time.

**International & Great Northern.**

Through fast train for St. Louis leaves at 1:15 and arrives at 2 p. m.

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**Barring Comanche Hogs.**

Comanche county farmers, business men and newspapers are up in arms against the packing houses at Fort Worth because the packing houses have been discriminating against the peanut-fed hogs which Comanche county has been shipping to Fort Worth. We are not an expert on hog raising or the meat industry, but we have an idea that a scientific investigation would reveal the fact that the peanut-fattened hog is as good a product as the grain-fattened hog. At least he would taste as well, and we see no reason why he should not bring the same price. Information is that the Comanche county farmers will switch to the St. Louis markets unless the Fort Worth packers come across.—Waco News.

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**Of Good Material.**

Villa paid $400 for a bath tub and $50 for a suit of underwear. Nobody appears to know how much he paid for his running shoes, but they appear to be wearing well.—Houston Post.

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**Shore Do Move.**

Also there was a time when many of us read with flushed cheeks the tales of ancient Troy, where they fought with clubs and oratory. And now behold civilized and religionized aviators are flying over it dropping bombs on the foot soldiers beneath. The world has indeed become "progressive."—Beaumont Journal.

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**Still Superstitions.**

The Federal authorities at Houston have stopped a certain class of doctors there from practicing, but they have so far lacked courage to prohibit Brookshire people from carrying potatoes in their pockets to cure rheumatism.—Sealy News.

Neither has anybody stopped some Cooke County people from wearing a horseshoe nail bent around their finger for the same purpose.—Gainesville Signal.

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**Creditable to Him.**

Some newspapers are being censured in some quarters because they no longer bow at the shrine of William J. Bryan. And why not censure the President? Woodrow Wilson not only voted against Bryan when he was a candidate for the presidency, but is on record as having expressed the wish that the Nebraskan could be "knocked into a cocked hat."—El Paso Times.

If it were possible, this information would heighten our estimation of President Wilson.—Austin American.

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**What's the Use.**

Some people's idea of the fitness of things is to carefully plant trees and then provide the small boy of the family with an air gun to kill any birds which might prevent the insects getting in their work with the aforesaid trees. The idea such have of a song bird is a half dead canary in a little cage.—they utterly fail to appreciate the music of the little songsters in the trees and bushes about the house. Now if the aforesaid air gunners were trained in marksmanship to the degree necessary to kill a fly and were turned loose on this pest with a plentiful supply of ammunition—but then, wath's the use?—Port Arthur Record.

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**Too Good to Happen.**

If Carranza could get Huerta, Villa get Carranza, Diaz get Villa, Zapata get Diaz and the devil Zapata, peace likely would prevail in Mexico for the unprecedented space of forty-eight hours.—Austin American.

## THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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1859—British government declared neutrality in war between Austria and Italy.

1870—Province of Manitoba formed, with Adams G. Archibald as governor.

1874—University of London resolved to admit women to degrees.

1879—John Henry Newman became a Cardinal.

1914—U. S. Senate adopted bill providing means for popular election of U. S. Senators in states where laws were not provided.

## THIS IS MY 56th BIRTHDAY

HON. W. A. SMITH.

Hon. William Alden Smith, United States Senator from Michigan, who began his career at Grand Rapids as a newsboy and messenger boy, is 56 years old today. Senator Smith is one of the bright lights which furnish inspiration and hope to boys in America. By hard work and perseverance he attracted notice as an efficient messenger boy, and received an appointment as page of the Michigan House of Representatives. He studied law in his leisure hours, and at the age of 24 was admitted to the bar. So successful was he and so popular that he was boomed for political office.

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Last night a Mexican, Bruno Recio, believed to be mentally aberrated, entered the Strand Theatre, after being given admission ticket by Justice Slaughter, and ascended to the balcony. Here he sat in absolute quietness for a while, then suddenly he began to soliloquize and uttered something to the effect that "I have committed no crime and am going to kill myself," at the same time rising to his feet. In the throes of a horrible hallucination of some kind, he advanced to the balcony railing.

Those who had kept an eye on the man became suspicious regarding the stability of his think factory and one man arose and went downstairs to advise Manager Brewer of what was transpiring. But while the man was conversing with Manager Brewer about the strange man in the balcony the other made the hazardous leap, landing on the back of a man in the audience and striking one of the electric fans in his descent. One or two women in the audience screamed, the band, through the presence of mind of the manager, was instructed to strike up a lively tune and the excitement was passed over without many in the house knowing what had transpired. Recio was not hurt by the fall and was later taken charge of by City Marshal Brennan and locked up in jail.

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There may be oil on your land. If there is I can cand find it. I have the drilling outfit that will go the depth. Phone 170.

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**Call For Bids.**

Bids for the construction of two reenforced concrete bridges to be placed across the Zacate and Chacon creeks, subject to the result of a bond election, which will be called for later, will be received at the office of the City Secretary by the Street and Bridge Committee until June 15th, 1915, at ten o'clock in the morning, and then opened. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of the City Secretary. Separate bids will be required. Should private plans be wanted same can be secured by the payment of ten dollars to the City Secretary. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

J. S. WESTBROOK,
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The address was listened to with much interest and the speaker has evidently aroused many to thought, if not to immediate action.

### Good Picture at the Strand.

The production of "A Fool There Was" at the Strand last night was a magnificent one, and the large audiences expressed their appreciation of the pictures in an emphatic manner. More pictures like that will make the Strand even more popular.

## THIS IS MY 69th BIRTHDAY

HENRY WILLARD DENISON.

Henry Williard Denison, adviser of the Japanese Government on foreign affairs for the past 35 years, is 69 years old today. Born up in the Vermont hills at Guildhall, and educated in a little academy at Lancaster, N. H., he obtained a start in the world of big affairs when he became a clerk in the War Department at Washington. He studied law at George Washington University, and applied himself to international law and diplomacy. He received an appointment as American vice-consul at Kanagwa, in 1869, when the Tokio government was only one year old. Chafing under the delay of promotion, after ten year of work in his minor office, he resigned and hung out his shingle in Yokohama as "American Attorney at Law." His first client was a good one. He was Count Okubo, the Japanese Premier. Denison was appointed legal adviser of the Foreign Office. He has received many honors from the Japanese and from the royal family. He was the constant adviser of the government during the war with China and again during the war with Russia. He represented Japan in drafting the treaty of Portsmouth. As the right hand man of the Mikado's government, Mr. Denison has an importance in world affairs second to none in the Far East. He has welded many friendships for the Japanese people, and is Japan's representative in the peace movement at The Hague.

### Whooping Cough.

Well—everybody knows the effect of Pine Forests on Coughs. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is a remedy which brings quick relief for Whooping Cough, loosens the mucus, soothes the lining of the throat and lungs, and makes the coughing spells less severe. A family with growing children should not be without it. Keep it handy for all Coughs and Colds. 25c at Your Druggist. (Adv.)


## Real Worth *vs.* Low Cost

If you asked your butcher for a porterhouse steak and he handed you a cut of the flank and said, "This doesn't cost as much and is just as good," you wouldn't believe him, would you?

Yet the butcher's statement is just as truthful as an assertion that inferior baking powders made of alum or phosphate of lime are as good as Royal, which is made from cream of tartar.

Alum is a mineral acid salt, declared by many medical authorities unsafe to use in food.

Royal Baking Powder is as pure and wholesome as the grapes in the vineyard, from which cream of tartar is derived.

The only reason for using such substitutes as alum and lime phosphates is because their cost is less to the manufacturer.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO.
New York


## PERSONALS

Fred. W. Truwitt of Brownsville is a guest at the Hamilton.

Hon. Marshall Hicks of San Antonio is a guest at the Hamilton.

Carlos Morton of Sabinas Hidalgo is in the city on business.

Customs Inspector Less Petty of Dolores is in the city.

Mrs. May McCampbell of Corpus Christi arrived in Laredo yesterday to remain several weeks as the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Ed. Denike.

B. D. Lindsay of San Antonio spent yesterday in the city and returned home last night.

Mrs. John Loftus and children returned this morning to her home at Dolores after a short visit here to Mrs. Loftus' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thompson.

Messrs. Clovis and Edgar Perron are in the city for a short visit. They came here for the funeral of their late brother-in-law, Wm. Simpson.

HAMILTON:—T. T. Robinson, San Antonio; W. Van Hoogenhuyze, Cincinnati, Ohio; J. P. Baker, A. W. Kennedy, J. W. Bain, San Antonio; A. E. Gates, Bruni; I. H. Moore, W. C. James, Fowlerton; C. J. Jennings, Alice; F. F. Niggli, San Antonio; T. J. Christal, J. B. Frazier, Austin; F. D. Truwitt, Brownsville; J. P. Eastland, Dallas; E. P. Hurt, J. P. Bradberry, Islitas; Marshall Hicks, J. R. Phillips and wife, San Antonio; Theo. Nash, Detroit, Mich.; N. Sack, San Antonio; J. S. Fielding, A. J. McCurdy, Chicago, Ill.; H. P. Bush, Dallas; C. C. Lay, San Antonio; J. P. Rochelle, Dallas; W. D. Young, San Antonio.

### Lectured to School Children.

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### Whooping Cough.

"About a year ago my three boys had whooping cough and I found Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the only one that would relieve their coughing and whooping spells. I continued this treatment and was surprised to find that it cured the disease in a very short time," writes Mrs. Archie Dalrymple, Crooksville, Ohio. For sale by all dealers. (Adv.)

The largest statue in the world is being carved in a Japanese quarry. The image will be 240 feet from head to foot, and larger than the Sphinx in Egypt.

## ODD ITEMS FROM EVERYWHERE.

Paris has issued a map showing where, within its limits, the tango may and may not be danced.

A blind man at Westbrook, Me., has built an ell to his house, laid the hardwood floors and installed a hot water system.

Boats and sails made entirely of straw and reeds are in use by natives of Peru.

Miss Columbia, the first Eskimo child born in the United States, who first saw the light of day at the Chicago exposition, is visiting the Frisco Fair.

Members of the British Parliament cannot be arrested for debt during sessions, or for forty days before or after.

Hopeful, Ga., has neither jail nor cemetery, it being the only town in the state where people neither die nor break the law.

The oddest church in England is St. Botolph's, at Boston. It is called the Almanac Church, having 365 steps, 12 pillars, 52 windows and 7 doors. A side porch has 24 steps, representing the hours of the day, and on each of the choir are 60 steps, denoting the seconds and minutes.

In the anthracite region of Pennsylvania there is a church for every thousand inhabitants; over 20 sects are represented.

Chicago leads American cities in concrete building construction, with Seattle second and Philadelphia third.

Wives can still be bought in Russia. The price for a pretty girl runs from $100 to $200.

The present week of seven days was adopted by Egyptian astronomers more than 2,690 years ago.

The German patent office rejects about two thirds of the 45,000 patent applications it receives annually.

In Siberia milk is sold frozen around a stick of wood, which serves as a handle to carry it.

Greece has a labor federation composed of workers in seventeen industries.

A letter box 10,000 feet above sea level in the Alps is the highest mailbox in the world from which collections are made daily.

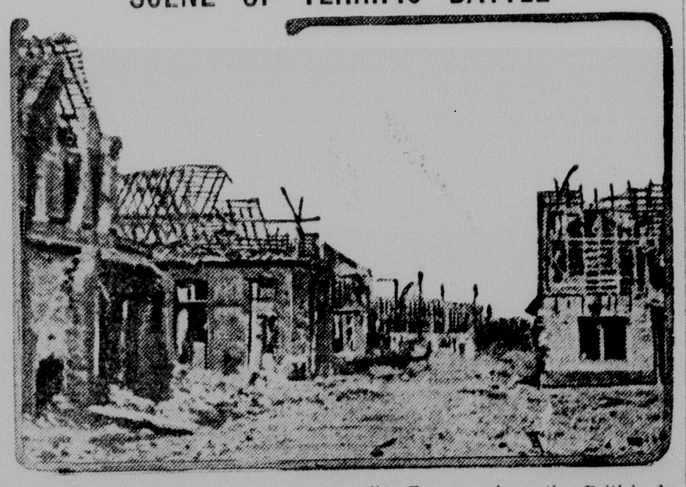
Harnessing the power of sea waves is occupying the attention of many scientists. Uncle Sam has already granted 400 patents for devices made for this purpose.

Paris has a theatre with a reversible floor. One side is clear for dancing and the other immovable seats.

### For a Torpid Liver.

"I have used Chamberlain's Tablets off and on for the past six years whenever my liver shows signs of being in a disordered condition. They have always acted quickly and given me the desired relief," writtes Mrs. F. H. Trubus, Springville, N. Y. For sale by all dealers. (Adv.)

## SCENE OF TERRIFIC BATTLE



Part of the village of Neuve Chapelle, France, where the British defeated the Germans in a battle that has been called a greater fight than Waterloo. The buildings in the town were smashed to pieces.

## NAVY HAS NEW CHIEF TODAY.

Washington, May 11.—Captain Shepherd Benson today stepped from the office of commandant of the Philadelphia Nevy Yard to the office of Chief of Naval Operations, the virtual head of the navy. He is promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral on taking up his new work. He succeeds Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske, Aid of Operations, whose resignation recently stirred naval circles. The office of Aid of Operations is absorbed in the new office of Chief of Naval Operations, and Admiral Fiske will join the staff of the Naval War College at Newport.

The accession of Rear Admiral to the directing of the navy ends satisfactorily to both sides a controversy as to the fighting efficiency of the United States navy. While the participation of the naval officers in the arguments pro and con was suppressed, it is known that there was a difference of opinion among them. According to a report not yet denied, there was a break between Rear Admiral Fiske and the Secretary of the Navy, caused it is assumed, by the outspoken views of the Aid of Operations given before the Committee on Naval Affairs of the House of Representatives last December. This testimony was in disagreement with the statements of Secretary Daniels. Fiske is one of the biggest men in the naval service, had contributed many inventions and improvements to naval equipment, and the great service he had rendered during critical incidents in foreign waters marked him as a man whose opinions were valuable.

Secretary Daniels in making the appointment, said: "Captain Benson comes to this position after a ripe experience of varied character, and of comparative recent acquirement; namely, the command of one of the greatest and most modern battleships, the command of a division of the Atlanta fleet, and, finally, the command of one of the most portant navy yards at a time when it was rapidly developing and fitting out to do shipbuilding on a large scale, and where he proved himself an administrator of the highest type.

"The chief of naval operations is one of the senior captains of the navy, and in the ordinary course of events would be promoted to the grade of Rear Admiral in November of this year. He was graduated from the Naval Academy in 1877, and during his sea service since that time of twenty two years has cruised practically all over the world. On one cruise he circumnavigated the entire coast of Africa. In 1883 he was a member of the Greely relief expedition. He reached the grade of Captain in 1909. From the very beginnings of the modern navy he has had a varied and useful experience in connection with its upbuilding.

"During the eighties he inspected the material for the construction of the first modern vessels which formed the white squadron. At one period he served at one of the branch hydrographic offices. For a number of years he was instructor in seamanship, naval architecture and naval tactics at the academy at Annapolis, and later became commandant of midsipmen.

"He commanded several important ships and served as chief of staff of the Pacific fleet. His most recent sea service was as captain of the superdreadnaught Utah and temporarily as commander of the first division of the Atlantic fleet."

Among the duties of the Chief of Operations are the following: the direction of the Naval War College, the office of naval intelligence, the office of target practice and engineering competitions, the operations of the radio service and of other systems of communication, of the naval defense districts and of the coast guard operating with the navy; the direction of all strategic and tactical matters, organization, maneuvres, target practice, drills and exercises, and of the training of the fleets for war, and the preparation, revision and enforcement of all tactic drill books, signal codes and cipher codes.

### Disappointing.

We read frequently about the number of eggs a hen will produce in a year. It sounds fine, but our experience is that the per capita egg output of a hen is about as disappointing as a guaranteed 5-gallon per day cow purchased at one hundred and fifty plunks.—Bryan Eagle.


## FAMILY AVOIDS SERIOUS SICKNESS

### By Being Constantly Supplied With Thedford's Black-Draught.

McDuff, Va.—"I suffered for several years," says Mrs. J. B. Whittaker, of this place, "with sick headache, and stomach trouble.

Ten years ago a friend told me to try Thedford's Black-Draught, which I did, and I found it to be the best family medicine for young and old.

I keep Black-Draught on hand all the time now, and when my children feel a little bad, they ask me for a dose, and it does them more good than any medicine they ever tried.

We never have a long spell of sickness in our family, since we commenced using Black-Draught."

Thedford's Black-Draught is purely vegetable, and has been found to regulate weak stomachs, aid digestion, relieve indigestion, colic, wind, nausea, headache, sick stomach, and similar symptoms.

It has been in constant use for more than 70 years, and has benefited more than a million people.

Your druggist sells and recommends Black-Draught. Price only 25c. Get a package to-day. N. C. 123

(Adv.)


# NO WORD FROM WASHINGTON CONCERNING WILSON'S ATTITUDE ON LUSITANIA AFFAIR

## President Said His Speech in Philadelphia Had no Reference to Policy Regarding the Lusitania, but that He was Thinking of the People Who are Trying to "Raise Cain" in United States.

### VILLA CLAIMS VICTORY.

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 11.—Villa claims that he has destroyed the left wing of Obregon's army.

### PILL MAKERS' OUTING BEGINS.

New Orleans, La., May 11.—The annual convention of the Louisiana State Pharmaceutical Association opened here this morning. After a business session, the visitors were taken for a steamboat ride on the Mississippi, during which they will be entertained elaborately. The outing will extend until Thursday.

### PIONEERS OBSERVE STATEHOOD DAY.

St. Paul, Minn., May 11.—The fifty-seventh anniversary of the admission of Minnesota into the Union is the occasion of a celebration by members of the Minnesota Territorial Pioneers' Association. The pioneers gathered today at the old Capitol building. Exercises were held this morning, followed by a luncheon, and a patriotic meeting will take place this afternoon. Many of the original pioneers, and a large number of descendants of pioneers of the state, are attending.

### PROBATION HEADS AT BALTIMORE.

Baltimore, Md., May 11.—The National Probation Association opened its annual convention here today, with many probation officers and court officers present from many sections. John T. Gascoyne of Newark, N. J., is presiding. The probation heads will hold meetings in conjunction with the National Conference of Charities and Correction, which opens an eight-day session tomorrow.

### ARKANSAS DRUGGISTS MEET.

Pine Bluff, Ark., May 11.—Two hundred pharmacists of Arkansas gathered here today for business discussions and a royal good time provided by the local druggists. Roy Chamberlain of Malvern, president of the Arkansas Association of Pharmacists, is presiding, and the social functions have beeen arranged by Miss Mary Fein of Little Rock, secretary of the Association, and one of the live wires in the drug business of the state.

### USED STRONG ARM METHODS.

Washington, May 11.—Secretary Franklin K. Lane of the Department of the Interior, has been ordered by the District Supreme Court to show cause why a mandamus should not be issued to restore to office William F. Arant of Klamath Falls, Ore., formerly superintendent of the Crater Lake National Park in Oregon. The court proceedings were brought by Arant, who claims he was illegally ousted from his position, and that the U. S. marshal for Oregon "violently and with force of arms" seized Arant and removed him from office.

The right of cabinet officers to remove government employees in the classified civil service is questioned by Arant. He seeks a mandamus to compel Secretary Lane to restore him to his position, from which he was removed June 28, 1913. He had held the job for eleven years.

At the time of the removal, the petitioner claims, he was held and recognized by the civil service commission to be a person in the classified service, and by act of 1912, Congress provided that no person in the classified service should be removed unless charges in writing were formally made against him and an opportunity afforded to answer personally the charges. That no such charge was ever made against him, is the claim of Arant, who says the first intimation that reached him was a request for his resignation. That he protested in vain, and was forcibly ousted by the marshal with his posse and that his family was driven from the superintendent's headquarters in the park, is also claimed by Arant.

### Troop Movements.

Three companies of the Ninth Infantry returned from the target range yesterday afternoon and three more companies today. Three companies left this morning for the range and three other companies will leave tomorrow. Major Lyon, commanding two batteries of the Third Field Artillery, and the men, en route from Brownsville to Fort Sam Houston, are encamped at Fort McIntosh, where they will rest before proceeding on their march Thursday morning.

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 11.—President Wilson said today that his speech in Philadelphia last night was not a declaration of his policy regarding the Lusitania affair. The morning American papers generally interpreted it to mean that he would use argument and not force in the Lusitania matter. Mr. Wilson said that in last night's speech he was not thinking of any special matter but of the newly naturalized citizens. He said he was thinking also of the "Cain" some people were trying to raise.

### Presented Germany's Regrets.

Washington, May 11.—The German ambassador today presented Germany's note of regret at the loss of American lives on the Lusitania to Secretary Bryan. The latter made no comment.

### Americans All Heroes

Queenstown, Eng., May 11.—There was a preponderance of testimony here today that no American man whatever aboard the Lusitania got into a lifeboat until after he had been thrown into the water.

### Mauretania Sailing Cancelled.

London, May 11.—The sailing of the Mauretania, sister ship to the Lusitania, from Liverpool May 29 has been cancelled.

### Italy in the War.

Paris, May 11.—It is rumored persistently that Germany and Austria have already decided to declare war on Italy before Italy can declare war against them. There is no confirmation whatever of these rumors. It is rumored on the Bourse here that Italy has signed an agreement with the allies to participate in the war not later than May 26. It is reported that former Italian Premier Giolotti, leader of Italy's principal peace party, agreed yesterday to withdraw all proposition to the war.

### War Seems Inevitable.

Rome, May 11.—Military preparation pointing to Austria as the opponent is so thorough and vigorous that war seems inevitable.

### Italians Are Summoned.

Geneva, Switzerland, May 11.—All Italian men and officers in Swizerland up to the age of 34 years have been ordered to join their regiments immediately. Austrian troops are concentrating in the Tyrol.

### War Now Imminent.

On the Italian Frontier, May 11.—An Associated Press correspondent who has been from end to end of the Italian line finds that people on the frontier today believe that Italy will join the war in a few hours. The general opinion elsewhere is that Italy will join in a few days.

### Russians Claim Victories.

Petrograd, May 11.—Official reports claim victories in several engagements along the Carpathian front. It is reported unofficially that the Russians have begun a strong offensive near Tarnow, which the Austrians captured last week.

### Turks Lost Heavily.

London, May 11.—At the Dardanelles Saturday the allies occupied three important positions despite the Turks' desperate resistance. The Turks' total losses are estimated at 45,000. The Constantinople hospitals are overcrowded with wounded.

### Flew Over St. Denis.

Paris, May 11.—A German aeroplane flew over the Paris suburb of St. Denis today and dropped two bombs. One wounded five persons and the other damaged buildings.

### Turks Repulsed Assaults.

Constantinople, May 11.—The Turks Sunday night with bayonets repulsed four desperate attacks of the allies, annihilating three battalions of the enemy near Seddul Bahr. The allies failed to gain.

### Germans Shelled Burgues.

Paris, May 11.—Twelve persons were killed and eleven wounded when the Germans last night with a big gun in Belgium shelled the town of Burgues near Dunkirk. The French official report claims repulses of the Germans in Belgium and several small successes along the north French front. The Germans yesterday brought down one British aviator, while the British got two German aviators.

### Germans Claim Gains.

Berlin, May 11.—While admitting some small reverses in the battles in Belgium, the Germans claim several important gains today.

### Call Story Fake.

London, May 11.—The British official press bureau announces an alleged official German story that a few days ago the British North Sea vessels by a mistake in the night fired upon each other, sinking the battleship Superb and other vessels. The bureau says the story is a fake to influence neutrals.

### CONFIDENCE IN WILLSON.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, May 11.—The senate today adopted a resolution of confidence in President Wilson. The Gibson insurance bill was made a special order in the house Wednesday morning.

### IOWA DAIRY CONFERENCE.

Des Moines, Ia., May 11.—Pres. R. A. Peason of Iowa State College, Governor George W. Clarke and other prominent Iowans are speakers at the conference of the officials of the State Dairy and Food Departments, which opens here today. Three days of discussion on all subjects relating to dairy and meat supply, inspection, testing and co-operation constitutes the programme.

### GRADUATES OF FIFTY YEARS AT BERKELEY.

Berkeley, Calif., May 11.—The commencement exercises at the University of California, which take place today and tomorrow, are marked by the presence of graduates from classes as far as fifty years back. A monster reunion of the old grads is the result, and the University is extending hospitalities here and at the Panama-Pacific Exposition in their honor.

### TRY MINISTER AS WHITE SLAVER.

Milwaukee, Wis., May 11.—Rev. James Morrison Darnell, the much-married preacher of Kenosha, Wis., will be taken into the U. S. District court today for trial under the Mann white slave act. Darnell's escapades were exposed last January, while he was occupying the pulpit of a prominent church, and his exit from Kenosha occurred at 3 o'clock one morning, it was said, after resigning. The complaint against the preacher was signed by the Chicago investigator for the government, and it charges that on November 20, 1914, Darnell illegally transported Ruth Soper from her home in Owantonna, Minn., to Chicago and thence to Kenosha. Ruth Soper is the mother of his four year old son. Miss Soper is the daughter of a Minnesota publisher, and was a co-ed at the University of Chicago when Darnell was completing his theological studies there.

According to the stories told in Kenosha, Rev. Darnell told the trustees of the church that he was married and would bring his wife to that city later. He had met in Chicago, 17-year-old Doris Vaughn, and after a whirlwind courtship, married her. Telling his bride he was soon to prepare a home for her, he kissed her good-bye and took up his church duties at Kenosha.

Soon after his arrival in Kenosha, his "wife and baby" arrived. The wife was Ruth Soper, it is alleged. Then came a letter to the minister that his Chicago bride was coming. Rumors were flying about, and the church wardens investigated, Rev. Darnell leaving town immediately afterward.

Meanwhile his Chicago wife, Doris Vaughn Darnell began divorce proceedings, and testified that she had visited Kenosha, at which time her husband had confessed to her he was living with another woman.

According to his Chicago wife, Darnell had previously married Ethel Spurgeon Darnell of Avon, Ill., who divorced him.

### Pythian Smoker Tonight.

The members and friends of Aztec Lodge No. 11', Knights of Pythias, will have a smoker at their Castle Hall tonight after the usual business has been transacted. All members and visiting Knights are urged to attend.

### Teachers' Examination.

There will be an examination on June 3rd, 4th and 5th, for State and County teachers' certificates. Intending applicants should notify County Superintendent R. Richardson at his office in the county court house.


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This preparation is intended especially for rheumatism, lame back, sprains and like ailments. It is a favorite with people who are well acquainted with its splendid qualities. Mrs. Charles Tanner, Wabash, Ind., says of it, "I found Chamberlain's Liniment the best thing for lame back and sprains I have ever used. It works like a charm and relieves pain and soreness. It has been used by others of my family as well as myself for upwards of twenty years." 25 and 50 cent bottles. For sale by all dealers. (Adv.)


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Miss Van Buren paid a tribute to the press in its campaign of publicity in aid of civic movements, and urged the women to use more and more publicity in their work. Pamphlets were recommended as well as newspaper aricles, but one mistake that many made was to have long-winded articles once in a while instead of short pithy articles frequently.

She spoke of the work of the American Civic Association which she represents in saving the Palisades of the Hudson, Niagara Falls and the National Parks.

Among other things which Miss Van Buren urged the women to study was the laws of the city, which she said were usually unknown to not only the women but to the men also. Some of the laws she urged to be studied were those relating to: Cruelty, billboards, food and milk, firearms, garbage, licenses, minors, fire protection, house numbering, quarantine, shows and local censorships.

The address was listened to with much interest and the speaker has evidently aroused many to thought, if not to immediate action.

### Good Picture at the Strand.

The production of "A Fool There Was" at the Strand last night was a magnificent one, and the large audiences expressed their appreciation of the pictures in an emphatic manner. More pictures like that will make the Strand even more popular.

## THIS IS MY 69th BIRTHDAY

HENRY WILLARD DENISON.

Henry Williard Denison, adviser of the Japanese Government on foreign affairs for the past 35 years, is 69 years old today. Born up in the Vermont hills at Guildhall, and educated in a little academy at Lancaster, N. H., he obtained a start in the world of big affairs when he became a clerk in the War Department at Washington. He studied law at George Washington University, and applied himself to international law and diplomacy. He received an appointment as American vice-consul at Kanagwa, in 1869, when the Tokio government was only one year old. Chafing under the delay of promotion, after ten year of work in his minor office, he resigned and hung out his shingle in Yokohama as "American Attorney at Law." His first client was a good one. He was Count Okubo, the Japanese Premier. Denison was appointed legal adviser of the Foreign Office. He has received many honors from the Japanese and from the royal family. He was the constant adviser of the government during the war with China and again during the war with Russia. He represented Japan in drafting the treaty of Portsmouth. As the right hand man of the Mikado's government, Mr. Denison has an importance in world affairs second to none in the Far East. He has welded many friendships for the Japanese people, and is Japan's representative in the peace movement at The Hague.

### Whooping Cough.

Well—everybody knows the effect of Pine Forests on Coughs. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is a remedy which brings quick relief for Whooping Cough, loosens the mucus, soothes the lining of the throat and lungs, and makes the coughing spells less severe. A family with growing children should not be without it. Keep it handy for all Coughs and Colds. 25c. at Your Druggist. *

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## PERSONALS

Fred. W. Truwitt of Brownsville is a guest at the Hamilton.

Hon. Marshall Hicks of San Antonio is a guest at the Hamilton.

Carlos Morton of Sabinas Hidalgo is in the city on business.

Customs Inspector Less Petty of Dolores is in the city.

Mrs. May McCampbell of Corpus Christi arrived in Laredo yesterday to remain several weeks as the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Ed. Denike.

B. D. Lindsay of San Antonio spent yesterday in the city and returned home last night.

Mrs. John Loftus and children returned this morning to her home at Dolores after a short visit here to Mrs. Loftus' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thompson.

Messrs. Clovis and Edgar Perron are in the city for a short visit. They came here for the funeral of their late brother-in-law, Wm. Simpson.

HAMILTON:—T. T. Robinson, San Antonio; W. Van Hoogenhuyze, Cincinnati, Ohio; J. P. Baker, A. W. Kennedy, J. W. Bain, San Antonio; A. E. Gates, Bruni; J. H. Moore, W. C. James, Fowlerton; C. J. Jennings, Alice; F. F. Niggil, San Antonio; T. J. Christal, J. B. Frazier, Austin; F. D. Truwitt, Brownsville; J. P. Eastland, Dallas; E. P. Hurt, J. P. Bradberry, Islitas; Marshall Hicks, J. R. Phillips and wife, San Antonio; Theo. Nash, Detroit, Mich.; N. Sack, San Antonio; J. S. Fielding, A. J. McCurdy, Chicago, Ill.; H. P. Bush, Dallas; C. C. Lay, San Antonio; J. P. Rochelle, Dallas; W. D. Young, San Antonio.

### Lectured to School Children.

Miss Maude Van Buren this morning visited the various grades of the Laredo public schools and delivered interesting short talks before the pupils and teachers. At each place she was accorded a cordial welcome and her talk was listened to with interest by all.

### Whooping Cough.

"About a year ago my three boys had whooping cough and I found Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the only one that would relieve their coughing and whooping spells. I continued this treatment and was surprised to find that it cured the disease in a very short time," writes Mrs. Archie Dalrymple, Crooksville, Ohio. For sale by all dealers. *

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The largest statue in the world is being carved in a Japanese quarry. The image will be 240 feet from head to foot, and larger than the Sphinx in Egypt.

## ODD ITEMS FROM EVERYWHERE.

Paris has issued a map showing where, within its limits, the tango may and may not be danced.

A blind man at Westbrook, Me., has built an ell to his house, laid the hardwood floors and installed a hot water system.

Boats and sails made entirely of straw and reeds are in use by natives of Peru.

Miss Columbia, the first Eskimo child born in the United States, who first saw the light of day at the Chicago exposition, is visiting the Frisco Fair.

Members of the British Parliament cannot be arrested for debt during sessions, or for forty days before or after.

Hopeful, Ga., has neither jail nor cemetery, it being the only town in the state where people neither die nor break the law.

The oddest church in England is St. Botolph's, at Boston. It is called the Almanac Church, having 365 steps, 12 pillars, 52 windows and 7 doors. A side porch has 24 steps, representing the hours of the day, and on each of the choir are 60 steps, denoting the seconds and minutes.

In the anthracite region of Pennsylvania there is a church for every thousand inhabitants; over 20 sects are represented.

Chicago leads American cities in concrete building construction, with Seattle second and Philadelphia third.

Wives can still be bought in Russia. The price for a pretty girl runs from $100 to $200.

The present week of seven days was adopted by Egyptian astronomers more than 2,600 years ago.

The German patent office rejects about two thirds of the 45,000 patent applications it receives annually.

In Siberia milk is sold frozen around a stick of wood, which serves as a handle to carry it.

Greece has a labor federation composed of workers in seventeen industries.

A letter box 10,000 feet above sea level in the Alps is the highest mail-box in the world from which collections are made daily.

Harnessing the power of sea waves is occupying the attention of many scientists. Uncle Sam has already granted 400 patents for devices made for this purpose.

Paris has a theatre with a reversible floor. One side is clear for dancing and the other immovable seats.

### For a Torpid Liver.

"I have used Chamberlain's Tablets off and on for the past six years whenever my liver shows signs of being in a disordered condition. They have always acted quickly and given me the desired relief," writtes Mrs. F. H. Trubus, Springville, N. Y. For sale by all dealers.

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## SCENE OF TERRIFIC BATTLE



Part of the village of Neuve Chapelle, France, where the British defeated the Germans in a battle that has been called a greater fight than Waterloo. The buildings in the town were smashed to pieces.

## NAVY HAS NEW CHIEF TODAY.

Washington, May 11.—Captain Shepherd Benson today stepped from the office of commandant of the Philadelphia Nevy Yard to the office of Chief of Naval Operations, the virtual head of the navy. He is promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral on taking up his new work. He succeeds Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske, Aid of Operations, whose resignation recently stirred naval circles. The office of Aid of Operations is absorbed in the new office of Chief of Naval Operations, and Admiral Fiske will join the staff of the Naval War College at Newport.

The accession of Rear Admiral to the directing of the navy ends satisfactorily to both sides a controversy as to the fighting efficiency of the United States navy. While the participation of the naval officers in the arguments pro and con was suppressed, it is known that there was a difference of opinion among them. According to a report not yet denied, there was a break between Rear Admiral Fiske and the Secretary of the Navy, caused it is assumed, by the outspoken views of the Aid of Operations given before the Committee on Naval Affairs of the House of Representatives last December. This testimony was in disagreement with the statements of Secretary Daniels. Fiske is one of the biggest men in the naval service, had contributed many inventions and improvements to naval equipment, and the great service he had rendered during critical incidents in foreign waters marked him as a man whose opinions were valuable.

Secretary Daniels in making the appointment, said: "Captain Benson comes to this position after a ripe experience of varied character, and of comparative recent acquirement; namely, the command of one of the greatest and most modern battleships, the command of a division of the Atlanta fleet, and, finally, the command of one of the most portant navy yards at a time when it was rapidly developing and fitting out to do shipbuilding on a large scale, and where he proved himself an administrator of the highest type.

"The chief of naval operations is one of the senior captains of the navy, and in the ordinary course of events would be promoted to the grade of Rear Admiral in November of this year. He was graduated from the Naval Academy in 1877, and during his sea service since that time of twenty two years has cruised practically all over the world. On one cruise he circumnavigated the entire coast of Africa. In 1883 he was a member of the Greely relief expedition. He reached the grade of Captain in 1909. From the very beginnings of the modern navy he has had a varied and useful experience in connection with its upbuilding.

"During the eighties he inspected the material for the construction of the first modern vessels which formed the white squadron. At one period he served at one of the branch hydrographic offices. For a number of years he was instructor in seamanship, naval architecture and naval tactics at the academy at Annapolis, and later became commandant of midsipmen.

"He commanded several important ships and served as chief of staff of the Pacific fleet. His most recent sea service was as captain of the superdreadnaught Utah and temporarily as commander of the first division of the Atlantic fleet."

Among the duties of the Chief of Operations are the following: the direction of the Naval War College, the office of naval intelligence, the office of target practice and engineering competitions, the operations of the radio service and of other systems of communication, of the naval defense districts and of the coast guard operating with the navy; the direction of all strategic and tactical matters, organization, maneuvres, target practice, drills and exercises, and of the training of the fleets for war, and the preparation, revision and enforcement of all tactic drill books, signal codes and cipher codes.

### Disappointing.

We read frequently about the number of eggs a hen will produce in a year. It sounds fine, but our experience is that the per capita egg output of a hen is about as disappointing as a guaranteed 5-gallon per day cow purchased at one hundred and fifty plunks.—Bryan Eagle.


## FAMILY AVOIDS SERIOUS SICKNESS

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Ten years ago a friend told me to try Thedford's Black-Draught, which I did, and I found it to be the best family medicine for young and old.

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We never have a long spell of sickness in our family, since we commenced using Black-Draught."

Thedford's Black-Draught is purely vegetable, and has been found to regulate weak stomachs, aid digestion, relieve indigestion, colic, wind, nausea, headache, sick stomach, and similar symptoms.

It has been in constant use for more than 70 years, and has benefited more than a million people.

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# NO WORD FROM WASHINGTON CONCERNING WILSON'S ATTITUDE ON LUSITANIA AFFAIR

## President Said His Speech in Philadelphia Had no Reference to Policy Regarding the Lusitania, but that He was Thinking of the People Who are Trying to "Raise Cain" in United States.

### VILLA CLAIMS VICTORY.

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 11.—Villa claims that he has destroyed the left wing of Obregon's army.

### PILL MAKERS' OUTING BEGINS.

New Orleans, La., May 11.—The annual convention of the Louisiana State Pharmaceutical Association opened here this morning. After a business session, the visitors were taken for a steamboat ride on the Mississippi, during which they will be entertained elaborately. The outing will extend until Thursday.

### PIONEERS OBSERVE STATEHOOD DAY.

St. Paul, Minn., May 11.—The fifty-seventh anniversary of the admission of Minnesota into the Union is the occasion of a celebration by members of the Minnesota Territorial Pioneers' Association. The pioneers gathered today at the old Capitol building. Exercises were held this morning, followed by a luncheon, and a patriotic meeting will take place this afternoon. Many of the original pioneers, and a large number of descendants of pioneers of the state, are attending.

### PROBATION HEADS AT BALTIMORE.

Baltimore, Md., May 11.—The National Probation Association opened its annual convention here today, with many probation officers and court officers present from many sections. John T. Gascoyne of Newark, N. J., is presiding. The probation heads will hold meetings in conjunction with the National Conference of Charities and Correction, which opens an eight-day session tomorrow.

### ARKANSAS DRUGGISTS MEET.

Pine Bluff, Ark., May 11.—Two hundred pharmacists of Arkansas gathered here today for business discussions and a royal good time provided by the local druggists. Roy Chamberlain of Malvern, president of the Arkansas Association of Pharmacists, is presiding, and the social functions have beeen arranged by Miss Mary Fein of Little Rock, secretary of the Association, and one of the live wires in the drug business of the state.

### USED STRONG ARM METHODS.

Washington, May 11.—Secretary Franklin K. Lane of the Department of the Interior, has been ordered by the District Supreme Court to show cause why a mandamus should not be issued to restore to office William F. Arant of Klamath Falls, Ore., formerly superintendent of the Crater Lake National Park in Oregon. The court proceedings were brought by Arant, who claims he was illegally ousted from his position, and that the U. S. marshal for Oregon "violently and with force of arms" seized Arant and removed him from office.

The right of cabinet officers to remove government employees in the classified civil service is questioned by Arant. He seeks a mandamus to compel Secretary Lane to restore him to his position, from which he was removed June 28, 1913. He had held the job for eleven years.

At the time of the removal, the petitioner claims, he was held and recognized by the civil service commission to be a person in the classified service, and by act of 1912, Congress provided that no person in the classified service should be removed unless charges in writing were formally made against him and an opportunity afforded to answer personally the charges. That no such charge was ever made against him, is the claim of Arant, who says the first intimation that reached him was a request for his resignation. That he protested in vain, and was forcibly ousted by the marshal with his posse and that his family was driven from the superintendent's headquarters in the park, is also claimed by Arant.

### Troop Movements.

Three companies of the Ninth Infantry returned from the target range yesterday afternoon and three more companies today. Three companies left this morning for the range and three other companies will leave tomorrow. Major Lyon, commanding two batteries of the Third Field Artillery, and the men, en route from Brownsville to Fort Sam Houston, are encamped at Fort McIntosh, where they will rest before proceeding on their march Thursday morning.

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 11.—President Wilson said today that his speech in Philadelphia last night was not a declaration of his policy regarding the Lusitania affair. The morning American papers generally interpreted it to mean that he would use argument and not force in the Lusitania matter. Mr. Wilson said that in last night's speech he was not thinking of any special matter but of the newly naturalized citizens. He said he was thinking also of the "Cain" some people were trying to raise.

### Presented Germany's Regrets.

Washington, May 11.—The German ambassador today presented Germany's note of regret at the loss of American lives on the Lusitania to Secretary Bryan. The latter made no comment.

### Americans All Heroes

Queenstown, Eng., May 11.—There was a preponderance of testimony here today that no American man whatever aboard the Lusitania got into a lifeboat until after he had been thrown into the water.

### Mauretania Sailing Cancelled.

London, May 11.—The sailing of the Mauretania, sister ship to the Lusitania, from Liverpool May 29 has been cancelled.

### Italy in the War.

Paris, May 11.—It is rumored persistently that Germany and Austria have already decided to declare war on Italy before Italy can declare war against them. There is no confirmation whatever of these rumors. It is rumored on the Bourse here that Italy has signed an agreement with the allies to participate in the war not later than May 26. It is reported that former Italian Premier Giolotti, leader of Italy's principal peace party, agreed yesterday to withdraw all proposition to the war.

### War Seems Inevitable.

Rome, May 11.—Military preparation pointing to Austria as the opponent is so thorough and vigorous that war seems inevitable.

### Italians Are Summoned.

Geneva, Switzerland, May 11.—All Italian men and officers in Switzerland up to the age of 34 years have been ordered to join their regiments immediately. Austrian troops are concentrating in the Tyrol.

### War Now Imminent.

On the Italian Frontier, May 11.—An Associated Press correspondent who has been from end to end of the Italian line finds that people on the frontier today believe that Italy will join the war in a few hours. The general opinion elsewhere is that Italy will join in a few days.

### Russians Claim Victories.

Petrograd, May 11.—Official reports claim victories in several engagements along the Carpathian front. It is reported unofficially that the Russians have begun a strong offensive near Tarnow, which the Austrians captured last week.

### Turks Lost Heavily.

London, May 11.—At the Dardanelles Saturday the allies occupied three important positions despite the Turks' desperate resistance. The Turks' total losses are estimated at 45,000. The Constantinople hospitals are overcrowded with wounded.

### Flew Over St. Denis.

Paris, May 11.—A German aeroplane flew over the Paris suburb of St. Denis today and dropped two bombs. One wounded five persons and the other damaged buildings.

### Turks Repulsed Assaults.

Constantinople, May 11.—The Turks Sunday night with bayonets repulsed four desperate attacks of the allies, annihilating three battalions of the enemy near Seddul Bahr. The allies failed to gain.

### Germans Shelled Burgues.

Paris, May 11.—Twelve persons were killed and eleven wounded when the Germans last night with a big gun in Belgium shelled the town of Burgues near Dunkirk. The French official report claims repulses of the Germans in Belgium and several small successes along the north French front. The Germans yesterday brought down one British aviator, while the British got two German aviators.

### Germans Claim Gains.

Berlin, May 11.—While admitting some small reverses in the battles in Belgium, the Germans claim several important gains today.

### Call Story Fake.

London, May 11.—The British official press bureau announces an alleged official German story that a few days ago the British North Sea vessels by a mistake in the night fired upon each other, sinking the battleship Superb and other vessels. The bureau says the story is a fake to influence neutrals.

### CONFIDENCE IN WILLSON.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, May 11.—The senate today adopted a resolution of confidence in President Wilson. The Gibson insurance bill was made a special order in the house Wednesday morning.

### IOWA DAIRY CONFERENCE.

Des Moines, Ia., May 11.—Pres. R. A. Peason of Iowa State College, Governor George W. Clarke and other prominent Iowans are speakers at the conference of the officials of the State Dairy and Food Departments, which opens here today. Three days of discussion on all subjects relating to dairy and meat supply, inspection, testing and co-operation constitutes the programme.

### GRADUATES OF FIFTY YEARS AT BERKELEY.

Berkeley, Calif., May 11.—The commencement exercises at the University of California, which take place today and tomorrow, are marked by the presence of graduates from classes as far as fifty years back. A monster reunion of the old grads is the result, and the University is extending hospitalities here and at the Panama-Pacific Exposition in their honor.

### TRY MINISTER AS WHITE SLAVER.

Milwaukee, Wis., May 11.—Rev. James Morrison Darnell, the much-married preacher of Kenosha, Wis., will be taken into the U. S. District court today for trial under the Mann white slave act. Darnell's escapades were exposed last January, while he was occupying the pulpit of a prominent church, and his exit from Kenosha occurred at 3 o'clock one morning, it was said, after resigning. The complaint against the preacher was signed by the Chicago investigator for the government, and it charges that on November 20, 1914, Darnell illegally transported Ruth Soper from her home in Owantonna, Minn., to Chicago and thence to Kenosha. Ruth Soper is the mother of his four year old son. Miss Soper is the daughter of a Minnesota publisher, and was a co-ed at the University of Chicago when Darnell was completing his theological studies there.

According to the stories told in Kenosha, Rev. Darnell told the trustees of the church that he was married and would bring his wife to that city later. He had met in Chicago, 17-year-old Doris Vaughn, and after a whirlwind courtship, married her. Telling his bride he was soon to prepare a home for her, he kissed her good-bye and took up his church duties at Kenosha.

Soon after his arrival in Kenosha, his "wife and baby" arrived. The wife was Ruth Soper, it is alleged. Then came a letter to the minister that his Chicago bride was coming. Rumors were flying about, and the church wardens investigated, Rev. Darnell leaving town immediately afterward.

Meanwhile his Chicago wife, Doris Vaughn Darnell began divorce proceedings, and testified that she had visited Kenosha, at which time her husband had confessed to her he was living with another woman.

According to his Chicago wife, Darnell had previously married Ethel Spurgeon Darnell of Avon, Ill., who divorced him.

### Pythian Smoker Tonight.

The members and friends of Aztec Lodge No. 11, Knights of Pythias, will have a smoker at their Castle Hall tonight after the usual business has been transacted. All members and visiting Knights are urged to attend.

### Teachers' Examination.

There will be an examination on June 3rd, 4th and 5th, for State and County teachers' certificates. Intending applicants should notify County Superintendent R. Richardson at his office in the county court house.


### Chamberlain's Liniment.

This preparation is intended especially for rheumatism, lame back, sprains and like ailments. It is a favorite with people who are well acquainted with its splendid qualities. Mrs. Charles Tanner, Wabash, Ind., says of it, "I found Chamberlain's Liniment the best thing for lame back and sprains I have ever used. It works like a charm and relieves pain and soreness. It has been used by others of my family as well as myself for upwards of twenty years." 25 and 50 cent bottles. For sale by all dealers. *

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## DEUTSCHLAND UEBER ALLES!

The sinking of the liner Lusitania with hundreds of women and children aboard stamps those responsible for the foul act as the most barbarous and inhuman savages now existing in the world.

Without the slightest military advantage to be gained, without the slightest provocation of resentment over wrongs committed by the enemy, the Germans deliberately sank a passenger steamer loaded with civilians, many of them neutrals, and caused the death of perhaps more people than perished in the great disaster of the Titanic.

Nearly one hundred and fifty Americans are among the missing, for whom there is no hope, as those who were found floating on the surface with life-belts on were dead when picked up, and since that many hours have elapsed.

Among the victims were many children, who could have committed no act which would be the slightest justification for the vile crime of sending them to another world without warning.

The reports say that within five minutes the vessel had listed to one side so far that the lifeboats on that side could not be lounched, and it was not many minutes before the Lusitania lurched and went to the bottom.

Men who had given their chance to the women and children were on deck when the vessel sank, calling pitiful farewells to those in the boats. And those who were left struggling in the water had to wait four hours before adequate rescue boats arrived.

The German ambassador in New York, it is true, had warned Americans against sailing on the British ship, but there were few who believed that the Germans could be guilty of the unspeakable cruelty of attacking an unarmed vessel carrying neutral passengers merely for the savage satisfaction of "striking a blow at England."

And when all's said and done, what blow has really been struck at England? Her government has lost very little, if any. Some of her rich men have lost several million dollars of investment, and others have lost the value of the cargo the Lusitania carried. Some British subjects were killed.

But the Lusitania was not an armed vessel. She carried nothing of value for the British military government. She was not an auxiliary vessel of the British navy. Her loss was in no sense a military blow.

But the relatives of the people who were lost—what of them? Did the killing of these people afford Germany any triumph of arms? Will her prestige either at sea or ashore be increased by this barbarous act?

Rather, will not the nights of those who ordered the vile crime not be sleepless for the rest of their miserable lives Will they not see constantly the pale ghosts of their innocent victims, who were guilty of the sole crime of traveling on a ship flying the British flag?

When the Titanic went down the victims were mourned, as will be those of the Lusitania. But the loss of the Titanic may be considered, as the legal phraseology has it, "an act of God." It was not avoidable by any human efforts.

But the sinking of the Lusitania was a deliberate case of murder by wholesale, without even the justification of passion or prejudice. It was deliberately planned in cold blood, and no Black Hand outrage was ever perpetrated in a more cowardly fashion.

The very submarine that struck the blow was never afterward seen. Not a single soul was saved by the German vessel that sank the Lusitania. She disappeared once her foul act was completed.

And the German ambassador is now "in seclusion" in New York, with his house guarded. Should an enraged populace suddenly discover his whereabouts, it probably would go hard with him. And with reason.

## TEXANS WAKING UP.

Collier's has an editorial this week on the wonderful change which has taken place in Runnels county, where, according to that paper, the farmers were on the verge of starvation. Says Collier's:

"They had been depending almost wholly upon cotton, and three out of every four crops had failed. Scores of families wanted to leave the county but were too poor to move. Conditions got to be so desperate that the planters met at Ballinger, the county seat, to devise a plan for keeping the wolf shooed away until another cotton crop could be grown. Yet they still held fast to the one-crop idea. They did not see King Cotton as a tyrant—they blamed the droughts and clung to the forlorn hope that their next crop would be a big one."

And that is one reason why so many of the farmers of Texas—and of other parts of the South—have made such a failure of farming. When they have a good crop and the price of cotton is high enough and every other factor is in their favor, they get enough for their cotton to almost pull them out of debt.

Meanwhile they send away for every single thing they need on the farm, including their cotton seed and their farm implements. They buy everything they eat, everything their stock eats, and everything they wear, while in exchange they have only the cotton they grow in good years.

But listen to the way Runnels county pulled out of the hole and got on level ground again. To further quote Collier's:

"At that meeting a farmer from the northern edge of the county got up and told the crowd that, though he had not given up cotton entirely, he was making as much money out of wheat and poultry as he had ever made out of cotton. He was also raising cattle and hogs enough for his own meat, and a good vegetable garden was keeping down his grocery bill. Diversification of crops, he urged, was the only salvation for the cotton grower.

"That was two years ago. Last year the farmers of Runnels county made money. The cotton crisis did not hurt them seriously. They grew 60,000 acres of grain as compared with 100 acres in 1907. Before the awakening their poultry amounted to almost nothing; this year it is valued at $500,000, or one-fifth as much as they got for last year's cotton."

Even here in Webb county, where there is no cotton grown, there is little attention paid to the raising of the necessities of life on the average farm. Some of the farmers, it is true, have shown the great possibilities of this section for raising hogs and chickens. But the majority still buy their pork and poultry—when they have any—and an egg is as scarce on the average farm as it is in the average harness shop.

There are many things that the farmers will never again be able to make for themselves. There is an advantage in buying harness, wagons, shoes and clothing from the stores instead of trying to make them one on the farm. But the raw material for many of these articles should come from the farms where they are used.

And so far as food—how many farmers ever eat any vegetables? When they do, they buy them on their periodical trips to town, where they also buy chickens and eggs, bacon and lard, corned beef and butter. Milk they sometimes see in a tin can with the familiar eagle on the side or he pretty milkmaid, as impossible as the city farmer.

Yet a few acres devoted to the raising of the vegetables for the table, to the pasturage of a cow or two, to the raising of a few hogs or to the hens that would supply them with eggs the year round, would solve this problem and enable the average farmer to live as well as his city cousin.

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The Lusitania tragedy overshadows everything else of importance in the war field. But the news will probably animate the British soldiers as nothing else could have done. And they will never forgive the injury.

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Italy has decided to notify Turkey of the abrogation of the treaty of Lausanne, which is equivalent to a declaration of war. And when Italy comes in, there will be others to follow.

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Some of the New York newspapers must be hard up to accept those advertisements warning Americans that they will be torpedoed if they sail on British vessels.

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It is not reported that the commander of the German submarine ordered: "Don't cheer, men; the poor devils are sinking."

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Berlin newspapers are at least frank in their savagery. They rejoiced over the report of the sinking of the Lusitania. To what lower depths could human nature sink?

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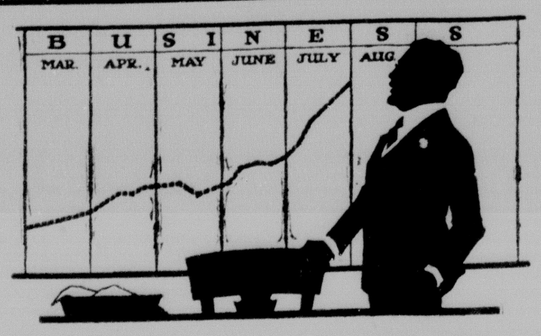
The great danger of kidney troubles is that they so often get a firm hold before the sufferer recognizes them. Health will be gradually undermined. Backache, headache, nervousness, lameness, soreness, lumbago, urinary troubles, dropsy, gravel and Bright's disease often follow in merciless succession. Don't neglect your kidneys. Help the kidneys with Doan's Kidney Pills, which are so strongly recommended right here in this locality.

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1632—De Marillac, marechal of France, beheaded for conspiring against Richelieu, to whom he owed his good fortune.

1775—Callen and Arnold took Fort Ticonderoga by surprise, without loss of life.

1779—Portsmouth and Norfolk, Va., taken by the British.

1794—Battle of Tournay, French defeated by English and Austrians under Duke of York.

1796—Bonaparte defeated the Austrians in the battle of Lodi. In this engagement Napoleon received the cognomen "the little corporal."

1810—First agricultural exhibition in the United States opened at Georgetown, D. C.

1837—New York banks stopped specie payments; other American banks adopted same course.

1853—The Pope prohibited circulation of Uncle Tom's Cabin in his dominions.

1871—Alsace - Lorraine ceded by France to Germany; a valuable tract which France is now trying to regain by force of arms.

1876—Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia opened by General Grant.

1914—Death of Lillian Nordica, famous singer, in Java.


### Whooping Cough.

"About a year ago my three boys had whooping cough and I found Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the only one that would relieve their coughing and whooping spells. I continued this treatment and was surprised to find that it cured the disease in a very short time," writes Mrs. Archie Dalrymple, Crooksville, Ohio. For sale by all dealers.

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## LOOK WHAT CAIN DID.

Aristocratic relations have nothing to do with a man's real character. Cain belonged to one of the first families in the Holy Land, but when he got mad he was such a bad man that he killed half the young men in Asia.—Brooklyn Eagle.

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When the baby takes to much food the stomach turns; the result is indigestion, sourness and vomiting. Frequently the bowels are involved and there is colic pains and diarrhoea. McGEE'S BABY ELIXIR is a grand corrective remedy for the stomach and bowel disorders of babies. It is pure, wholesome and pleasant to take. Price 25c and 50c per botttle. Sold by all druggists. x

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## THIS IS MY 77th BIRTHDAY

VISCOUNT JAMES BRYCE.

Viscount James Bryce, formerly British ambassador at Washington, lawyer, professor, lawmaker and famous author, is 77 years old today. His great work in cementing the friendship of the two great English speaking nations has endeared him to Americans as well as to his fellow countrymen. A new honor has just been accorded him by the British government. He has been appointed to represent Great Britain on the commission, to which, under the Anglo-American treaty of 1914, any issues between the two countries which might not yield to diplomatic adjustment would be submitted.

Viscount Bryce was born on May 10, 1838, at Belfast. He was educated at the University of Glasgow, and entered the practice of law. For 23 years he taught civil law at Oxford. He held many offices in England before coming to America in 1907. The world's famous societies and educational institutions have showered honors upon him. He has travelled widely, and his writings cover the studies he made in many fields. His book on the American commonwealth is considered a masterpiece. His hobbies have been mountain climbing and angling.

## DACIA CASE UP IN FRENCH PRIZE COURT.

Paris, May 10.—The French Prize Court is expected to render its decision this week in the case of the steamship Dacia, formerly a Hamburg-American liner, which was seized by a French cruiser while carrying a cargo of cotton from Galveston to Germany. E. N. Breitung, the American who purchased the Dacia and put it under American registry in conformity with the new American laws, was given until today to present his side of the case. All of the facts regarding the Dacia are now with the prize court, and indications are that the case will be settled with dispatch.

The Dacia had 11,000 bales of cotton aboard, and she was bound for Bremen when captured. Capture had been threatened, and the case is a test one, of great interest in America, as affecting the status of similar vessels bought under sanction of the American government during wartime. Great Britain questioned the validity of the transfer and attacked the status of the ship under American registry as a subterfuge to get supplies to Germany.

The Washington government is watching the matter closely but has announced it will make no protest until the prize court has given its verdict. The voyage of the Dacia is regarded as a test case upon which final decision must be rendered as to the right of neutrals to purchase vessels from citizens of belligerant countries.

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For Neat and Accurate Job Work ring up 43.


## HARD ON THE HEELS OF THE RUSSIANS




Here the German advance infantry has arrived at a town near Mlawa, Poland, just in time to catch sight of a body of Cossacks who were quitting the place.

## VOICE OF TEXAS.

### A Good Roads Plan.

It Mr. Henry expects to see the Brazos made navigable within the time calculaated for such a task, he will have to arrange with Dr. Bunnemeyer at Houston to call a halt on these high waters.—Waco Morning News.

The bed of the Brazos River should be mecadamized so the farmers could haul their produce over it. This would be the most feasible plan.—Corpus Christi Democrat.

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### Stranger Than Fiction.

A Grand Rapids girl saw a movie film, went home, undressed and chased around the street declaring she was "Truth." She was pinched. After one glimpse the authorities decided truth was stranger than fiction.—Taylor Press.

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### Lingering for Largesse.

Gabriele d'Annunzio says of Italy: "I dare say that she herself does not know what she is." Not ours to say, d'Annunzio—not ours to say; but she has the look of the lissom lass who loiters for the most golden offer.—Corpus Christi Caller.

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### To Teach Honesty.

The New York press announces that Honesty is to be taught to New York's school children by a special committee appointed by the Mayor." We can already see a distinctly noticeable increase in the population of Sing Sing in the not very distant fututre—if the past is any criterion in the make-up of these special committees.—Beaumont Journaal.

The scheme will have to be abandoned because the Mayor has no authority to appoint commissioners residing outside of New York City.—Austin American.

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### Boosting Texas.

If it is true that there are forty thousand applicants for jobs in connection with the proposed government railroad in Alaska, it shows once more how distance lends enchantment to the job hunter's view. The fact that more money can be made at raising cotton and corn in Texas than at working on a railroad in Alaska makes no difference—Texas is the real thing and Alaska mostly a vivid imagination.—Galveston News.

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### Human Nature.

The interpretation of a tablet 4,000 years old tells of a man who had just traded a couple of slaves for a chariot. Another proof that human nature has not changed much since early days. Instead of a slow chariot, man now wants a swift car, he'll trade his home for a joy ride.—Bridgeport Times.

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### Some Need Coffins.

After reading the exchanges we are forced to the conclusion that a few papers live in towns which would act wisely in buying a municipally operated pulmotor with which they could bring their business men back to life.—Courier Light

No pulmotors are needed in McKinney; every business man is a live wire and the business morgue is always empty.—McKinney Courier-Gazette.

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### It's Different Now.

Huerta, the former Mexican dictator, has become a landlord in New York. When he became president of Mexico he was an ordinary officer, but now he has money to invest in New York property up in the hundreds of thousands.—Cotulla Record.

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### We Didn't Get 'Em.

General Villa reports that he has scored a victory over General Obregon. Maybe the latter commander has weakened his forces by sending some regiments to vote in Texas municipal elections.—Galveston ews.

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### Quoting Solomon.

Can't a fellow get picked up slick? A few weeks ago we copied what we thought was a pretty smart saying and gave one of our exchanges credit. Since that time we have found out that the very same words were one of King Solomon's pet expressions several thousand years ago. We kindly request our exchanges that whenever they quote from the Bible to say so.—Foard County News.

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### An Idol Shattered.

Mary Pickford is being sued by her Los Angeles landlady. The lady alleges that "Miss Pickford dances so much that the floors are nail marked; that, during revelry by night, liquor is spilled on the furniture and the floors." Another idol shattered! We had no ieda that Mary was that sort of a girl.—Corpus Christi Caller.

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### The Mob Spirit.

The mob spirit so evident at the trial of Leo Frank at Atlanta, is cited as a reason why Frank should have clemency. The attitude of the people toward Frank was no doubt racial prejudice in small degree, but the possibility of turning what they believed to be a guilty man loose upon a legal technicality was no doubt the real "power behind the throne." Where money or influence enters into a trial as in Frank's case, there are enough available techanicalities to make conviction in the face of seeming guilt exceedingly doubtful, and this was evidently what aroused a deetrmination akin to the mob spirit at the trial.—Corpus Christi Democrat.

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### Sick Headache.

Mrs. A. L. Luckie, East Rochester, N. Y., was a victim of sick headache and despondency, caused by a badly weakened and debilitated condition of her stomach, when she began taking Chamberlain's Tablets. She says, "I found them pleasant to take, also mild and effective. In a few weeks' time I was restored to my former good health." For sale by All dealers.

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## DEATH OF WILLIAM SIMPSON OCCURRED SUNDAY MORNING

### WELL KNOWN CITIZEN PASSES TO ETERNAL HOME.

Was Son of Army Chaplain Here 25 ears Ago and For Past 23 years Had Been in Custom Service.

A good and valuable citizen, a devoted husband and dutiful father cast aside the mantle of mortality and passed to a world where there is life everlasting, where no more illness racks the body and where suffering is unknown when William Simpson closed his eyes in dreamless slumber at his home 1919 Matamoros street yesterday morning at 1:45 o'clock. His death came suddenly following a prolonged illness; in fact he had suppered with his family and retired in usual spirits, but shortly after the midnight hour he was seized with an attack that caused him to succumb. He had called his loved ones to his bedside, the last farewell was spoken and the lips that always counseled and consoled, the hands that always tenderly grasped loved ones and friends and the eyes that always looked with kindliness and happiness on those about him were stilled. He was prepared for the inevitable and with that fortitude that dominates all good men he awaited the summons that would call him before the Great White Throne, there to give an account of his life in this transitory realm and get the reward that is promised the faithful and true.

William Simpson was a native of Chestertown, Md., where he was born on March 24, 1867. When a young man he came to this city with his parents, his father being Chaplain G. W. Simpson, who 25 years ago was stationed at Fort McIntosh. For a time the subject of this sketch was employed as express messenger on the Texas-Mexican road. In 1882, after the second election of Glover Cleveland as president and the appointment of Frank B. Earnest as collector of Customs, Mr. Simpson was appointed as a customs inspector, a position he retained up to the time of his death. In 1891 in this city he married to Miss Melita Perron, who with six children survive him, these being Misses Ruth, Lillian and Grace Simpson; George, Dewey and Oscar Simpson. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. F. L. Palmer, wife of Major General Palmer of Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. Mabie of Baltimore, and one brother, Harry Simpson of San Antonio.

Mr. Simpson had been in declining headth the past two years, gradually growing weaker as time passed. Two months ago he went to San Antonio for medical treatment, but the trip availed him nothing and no benefit was derived from the treatment taken. Notwithstanding his weakened constitution he never took to his bed, but was able at intervals lately to perform his duties as customs inspector, leaving home daily up to Saturday, on which day he stayed at home. He was up and about Saturday and Saturday night enjoyed supper surrounded by the members of his family, little realizing that before the sun arose on a newborn day he would be in another world.

Deceased was a member of the W. O. W. and M. W. of A. lodges. The fneral took place from the home to the Episcopal church at 9:30 o'clock this morning. From the church the procession proceeded to the cemetery, where interment was made in the W. O. W. plot, the burial services being conducted by the W. O. W. lodge. The following acted as pall-bearers: J. B. DaCamara, Jose Benavides, T. R. Worsham, F. H. Earnest, J. J. Haynes and M. Feuille.

To the family go the sympathies of many friends in the bereavement which has befallen them.

## INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Supervising Architect's Office, Washington, D. C., April 29, 1915.—Sealed proposals will be opened in this office at 3 p. m. May 28, 1915, for remodeling an electric passenger elevator in the United States postoffice, courthouse and customhouse at Laredo, Tex., in accordance with the specification, copies of which may be had at this office, in the discretion of the Supervising Architect. Jos. A. Wetmore, Acting Supervising Architect.

N. B.—Bidders are required to return the specification without marks, notes, or other mutilations.

The Government frank sent to intending bidders is to be used for the return of the specification, and for no other purpose. (Adv.)

### Entertained Young Lady Friends.

At the Cogley home on Saturday afternoon Mesdames M. T. Cogley and S. M. Barlow were hostesses to a number of their young lady friends at a most delightful card party. For the occasion the rooms of the Cogley home used for the accommodation of the guests were lavishly decorated with a profusion of sweet peas and presented a most refreshing and seasonable appearance. The game of the afternoon was "Five Hundred," and after an interesting game the prize awards were made as follows: High score, hand-crocheted lingerie, won by Miss Louise Muller; second high score, hand-embroidered boudoir cap, won by Miss Maria Mowry; low score, pair 1830 collars, won by Miss Anita Mullally; consolation, hand-crocheted flower basket, cut by Miss Annie Alexander. A four-course luncheon was served. The favors were corsage bouquets of sweet peas. The following guests were present to enjoy the hospitalities of the hostesses. Mrs. T. J. Foster; Misses Louise Muller, Ethel and Myrtle Mackin, Maria Mowry, Frances and Annie Alexander, Amar Penn, Julia Schultz, Julia Leyendecker, Anita Mullally, Cleo Pereira, Lucille and Ruth Murphy, Mary Sames, Josephine Sauvignet, Esther Hirsch, Dora Gullette, Marguerite Nelson, Estelle Moser, Alice Denike, Maude McKnight, Flora Bunn, Etta Thaison, Elizabeth Mussett, Neva Vanderveer, Margaret Oberfell, Belle, Lilian and Emmie Westbrook, Kate Tarver, Alma Pierce, Jessie Hillert.

## DAN H. HICKEY SUCCUMBS TO INJURIES OF ACCIDENT

### SUFFERED MUCH PAIN SINCE COLLISION OF LAST THURSDAY

Was Well Known Railroad Clerk of This City and Had Held Varied Positions With the Company.

After enduring excruciating pain and all the paroxyms caused by the internal and external injuries sustained in the head-on collision of railroad motor cars at a point seven miles east of the city on Thursday night last, Dan H. Hickey, chief clerk to the general freight and passenger agent of the Texas-Mexican Ry. Co. passed away at the home of his sister, Miss Kate Hickey, on the Heights, this morning shortly after 3 o'clock. Since the accident all that the best medical skill and loving hands could do to alleviate his suffering and prolong his life was done, but everything proved unavailing and the Messenger of Death, standing there on the threshold, bade the sufferer to come into the Kingdom of God and there no more the vicissitudes and sufferings of the mortal world would invade and cause poignant pain. And when, in the early hours of morning, the sufferer closed his eyes in that eternal sleep, sweet repose came only after the endurance of much pain, much torture and intense agony. When the final summons came his loved ones were there at his bedside ministering to his wants, but their aid was unavailing, for his condition was such that his suffering and bodily pain were beyond human skill to mitigate. His loving wife and two little children were bereft of a dutiful and loving one, his sisters and brother lost a good brother and friends were bereft of a companion who was held in the highest esteem at all times. And thus Death, the inevitable conqueror of all, took husband, father, brother and friend to his domain to sleep the dreamless sleep in the tongueless dust, though the soul alone winged its flight to that celestial world where all is sweet repose.

Daniel H. Hickey was a native of Cotulla, Texas, where he was born in November, 1886. Fifteen years ago he came to Laredo and shortly afterwards secured employment as a mechanic in the National shops in this city, having completed his apprenticeship in the shops here. Later he secured a clerical position with the company and during the past five yvars was in the office of General Freight and Passenger Agent C. M. Fish, first as claim clerk and later, upon the death of his brother, Thomas, succeeded him as chief clerk, which position he held at the time of his death. In June, 1912, Mr. Hickey was married in San Diego to Miss Ethel Craven, daughter of D. A. Craven, and she, with two small children survive. Deceased was a member of the Knights of Columbus and was grand knight of the Laredo council at the time it surrendered its charter, Mr. Hickey then transferring to the San Antonio council together with other members. He was also a member of the Mechanics Union. Besides his wife and two children the subject of this sketch is survived by two sisters, Misses Kate and Mary Hickey, and one brother, Pat Hickey. All have the sympathies of their numerous friends and acquaintances in their hours of sorrow. The funeral will take place from the Hickey home on the Heights to St. Peter's Catholic church tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, interment in the Catholic cemetery.

## JURY IS FINALLY SECURED IN M'COY MURDER TRIAL

### JURY SECURED AFTER SIX VENIRES HAD BEEN EXHAUSTED.

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The state is represented by District Attorney Valls, while the defense is in the hands of J. W. Kenney and J. L. Dannelley, who were appointed by the court to defend McCoy. The state put the first witness on the hands and was still adducing testimony up to the time court took a recess at noon. The principal witness in the case is Clara Garcia, at whose house the row that resulted in the death of Banks started. She is the star witness for the state. The other witnesss are nearly all soldiers.

Some interesting testimony will be adduced this afternoon, and it is expected that the case will go to the jury at about 4 o'clock. When or not they will reach a verdict this afternoon is a matter of conjecture.

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## DEUTSCHLAND UEBER ALLES!

The sinking of the liner Lusitania with hundreds of women and children aboard stamps those responsible for the foul act as the most barbarous and inhuman savages now existing in the world.

Without the slightest military advantage to be gained, without the slightest provocation of resentment over wrongs committed by the enemy, the Germans deliberately sank a passenger steamer loaded with civilians, many of them neutrals, and caused the death of perhaps more people than perished in the great disaster of the Titanic.

Nearly one hundred and fifty Americans are among the missing, for whom there is no hope, as those who were found floating on the surface with life-belts on were dead when picked up, and since that many hours have elapsed.

Among the victims were many children, who could have committed no act which would be the slightest justification for the vile crime of sending them to another world without warning.

The reports say that within five minutes the vessel had listed to one side so far that the lifeboats on that side could not be lounched, and it was not many minutes before the Lusitania lurched and went to the bottom.

Men who had given their chance to the women and children were on deck when the vessel sank, calling pitiful farewells to those in the boats. And those who were left struggling in the water had to wait four hours before adequate rescue boats arrived.

The German ambassador in New York, it is true, had warned Americans against sailing on the British ship, but there were few who believed that the Germans could be guilty of the unspeakable cruelty of attacking an unarmed vessel carrying neutral passengers merely for the savage satisfaction of "striking a blow at England."

And when all's said and done, what blow has really been struck at England? Her government has lost very little, if any. Some of her rich men have lost several million dollars of investment, and others have lost the value of the cargo the Lusitania carried. Some British subjects were killed.

But the Lusitania was not an armed vessel. She carried nothing of value for the British military government. She was not an auxiliary vessel of the British navy. Her loss was in no sense a military blow.

But the relatives of the people who were lost—what of them? Did the killing of these people afford Germany any triumph of arms? Will her prestige either at sea or ashore be increased by this barbarous act?

Rather, will not the nights of those who ordered the vile crime not be sleepless for the rest of their miserable lives Will they not see constantly the pale ghosts of their innocent victims, who were guilty of the sole crime of traveling on a ship flying the British flag?

When the Titanic went down the victims were mourned, as will be those of the Lusitania. But the loss of the Titanic may be considered, as the legal phraseology has it, "an act of God." It was not avoidable by any human efforts.

But the sinking of the Lusitania was a deliberate case of murder by wholesale, without even the justification of passion or prejudice. It was deliberately planned in cold blood, and no Black Hand outrage was ever perpetrated in a more cowardly fashion.

The very submarine that struck the blow was never afterward seen. Not a single soul was saved by the German vessel that sank the Lusitania. She disappeared once her foul act was completed.

And the German ambassador is now "in seclusion" in New York, with his house guarded. Should an enraged populace suddenly discover his whereabouts, it probably would go hard with him. And with reason.

## TEXANS WAKING UP.

Collier's has an editorial this week on the wonderful change which has taken place in Runnels county, where, according to that paper, the farmers were on the verge of starvation. Says Collier's:

"They had been depending almost wholly upon cotton, and three out of every four crops had failed. Scores of families wanted to leave the county but were too poor to move. Conditions got to be so desperate that the planters met at Ballinger, the county seat, to devise a plan for keeping the wolf shooed away until another cotton crop could be grown. Yet they still held fast to the one-crop idea. They did not see King Cotton as a tyrant—they blamed the droughts and clung to the forlorn hope that their next crop would be a big one."

And that is one reason why so many of the farmers of Texas—and of other parts of the South—have made such a failure of farming. When they have a good crop and the price of cotton is high enough and every other factor is in their favor, they get enough for their cotton to almost pull them out of debt.

Meanwhile they send away for every single thing they need on the farm, including their cotton seed and their farm implements. They buy everything they eat, everything their stock eats, and everything they wear, while in exchange they have only the cotton they grow in good years.

But listen to the way Runnels county pulled out of the hole and got on level ground again. To further quote Collier's:

"At that meeting a farmer from the northern edge of the county got up and told the crowd that, though he had not given up cotton entirely, he was making as much money out of wheat and poultry as he had ever made out of cotton. He was also raising cattle and hogs enough for his own meat, and a good vegetable garden was keeping down his grocery bill. Diversification of crops, he urged, was the only salvation for the cotton grower.

"That was two years ago. Last year the farmers of Runnels county made money. The cotton crisis did not hurt them seriously. They grew 60,000 acres of grain as compared with 100 acres in 1907. Before the awakening their poultry amounted to almost nothing; this year it is valued at $500,000, or one-fifth as much as they got for last year's cotton."

Even here in Webb county, where there is no cotton grown, there is little attention paid to the raising of the necessities of life on the average farm. Some of the farmers, it is true, have shown the great possibilities of this section for raising hogs and chickens. But the majority still buy their pork and poultry—when they have any—and an egg is as scarce on the average farm as it is in the average harness shop.

There are many things that the farmers will never again be able to make for themselves. There is an advantage in buying harness, wagons, shoes and clothing from the stores instead of trying to make them one on the farm. But the raw material for many of these articles should come from the farms where they are used.

And so far as food—how many farmers ever eat any vegetables? When they do, they buy them on their periodical trips to town, where they also buy chickens and eggs, bacon and lard, corned beef and butter. Milk they sometimes see in a tin can with the familiar eagle on the side or he pretty milkmaid, as impossible as the city farmer.

Yet a few acres devoted to the raising of the vegetables for the table, to the pasturage of a cow or two, to the raising of a few hogs or to the hens that would supply them with eggs the year round, would solve this problem and enable the average farmer to live as well as his city cousin.

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The Lusitania tragedy overshadows everything else of importance in the war field. But the news will probably animate the British soldiers as nothing else could have done. And they will never forgive the injury.

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Italy has decided to notify Turkey of the abrogation of the treaty of Lausanne, which is equivalent to a declaration of war. And when Italy comes in, there will be others to follow.

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Some of the New York newspapers must be hard up to accept those advertisements warning Americans that they will be torpedoed if they sail on British vessels.

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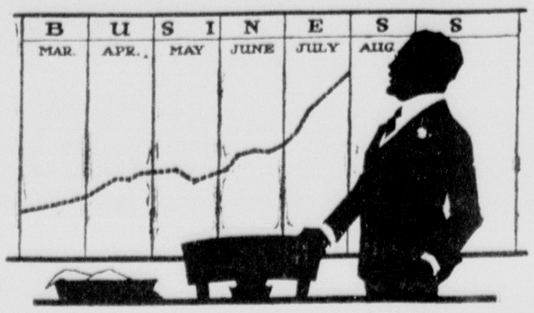
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1632—De Marillac, marechal of France, beheaded for conspiring against Richelieu, to whom he owed his good fortune.

1775—Callen and Arnold took Fort Ticonderoga by surprise, without loss of life.

1779—Portsmouth and Norfolk, Va., taken by the British.

1794—Battle of Tournay, French defeated by English and Austrians under Duke of York.

1796—Bonaparte defeated the Austrians in the battle of Lodi. In this engagement Napoleon received the cognomen "the little corporal."

1810—First agricultural exhibition in the United States opened at Georgetown, D. C.

1837—New York banks stopped specie payments; other American banks adopted same course.

1853—The Pope prohibited circulation of Uncle Tom's Cabin in his dominions.

1871—Alsace Lorraine ceded by France to Germany; a valuable tract which France is now trying to regain by force of arms.

1876—Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia opened by General Grant.

1914—Death of Lillian Nordica, famous singer, in Java.


### Whooping Cough.

"About a year ago my three boys had whooping cough and I found Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the only one that would relieve their coughing and whooping spells. I continued this treatment and was surprised to find that it cured the disease in a very short time," writes Mrs. Archie Dalrymple, Crooksville, Ohio. For sale by all dealers.

(Adv.)


## LOOK WHAT CAIN DID.

Aristocratic relations have nothing to do with a man's real character. Cain belonged to one of the first families in the Holy Land, but when he got mad he was such a bad man that he killed half the young men in Asia.—Brooklyn Eagle.

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When the baby takes to much food the stomach turns; the result is indigestion, sourness and vomiting. Frequently the bowels are involved and there is colic pains and diarrhoea. McGEE'S BABY ELIXIR is a grand corrective remedy for the stomach and bowel disorders of babies. It is pure, wholesome and pleasant to take. Price 25c and 50c per botttle. Sold by all druggists. x

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## THIS IS MY 77th BIRTHDAY

VISCOUNT JAMES BRYCE.

Viscount James Bryce, formerly British ambassador at Washington, lawyer, professor, lawmaker and famous author, is 77 years old today. His great work in cementing the friendship of the two great English speaking nations has endeared him to Americans as well as to his fellow countrymen. A new honor has just been accorded him by the British government. He has been appointed to represent Great Britain on the commission, to which, under the Anglo-American treaty of 1914, any issues between the two countries which might not yield to diplomatic adjustment would be submitted.

Viscount Bryce was born on May 10, 1838, at Belfast. He was educated at the University of Glasgow, and entered the practice of law. For 23 years he taught civil law at Oxford. He held many offices in England before coming to America in 1907. The world's famous societies and educational institutions have showered honors upon him. He has travelled widely, and his writings cover the studies he made in many fields. His book on the American commonwealth is considered a masterpiece. His hobbies have been mountain climbing and angling.

## DACIA CASE UP IN FRENCH PRIZE COURT.

Paris, May 10.—The French Prize Court is expected to render its decision this week in the case of the steamship Dacia, formerly a Hamburg-American liner, which was seized by a French cruiser while carrying a cargo of cotton from Galveston to Germany. E. N. Breitung, the American who purchased the Dacia and put it under American registry in conformity with the new American laws, was given until today to present his side of the case. All of the facts regarding the Dacia are now with the prize court, and indications are that the case will be settled with dispatch.

The Dacia had 11,000 bales of cotton aboard, and she was bound for Bremen when captured. Capture had been threatened, and the case is a test one, of great interest in America, as affecting the status of similar vessels bought under sanction of the American government during wartime. Great Britain questioned the validity of the transfer and attacked the status of the ship under American registry as a subterfuge to get supplies to Germany.

The Washington government is watching the matter closely but has announced it will make no protest until the prize court has given its verdict. The voyage of the Dacia is regarded as a test case upon which final decision must be rendered as to the right of neutrals to purchase vessels from citizens of belligerent countries.

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For Neat and Accurate Job Work ring up 43.


## HARD ON THE HEELS OF THE RUSSIANS




Here the German advance infantry has arrived at a town near Mlawa, Poland, just in time to catch sight of a body of Cossacks who were quitting the place.

## VOICE OF TEXAS.

### A Good Roads Plan.

It Mr. Henry expects to see the Brazos made navigable within the time calculaated for such a task, he will have to arrange with Dr. Bunnemeyer at Houston to call a halt on these high waters.—Waco Morning News.

The bed of the Brazos River should be mecadamized so the farmers could haul their produce over it. This would be the most feasible plan.—Corpus Christi Democrat.

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### Stranger Than Fiction.

A Grand Rapids girl saw a movie film, went home, undressed and chased around the street declaring she was "Truth." She was pinched. After one glimpse the authorities decided truth was stranger than fiction.—Taylor Press.

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### Lingering for Largesse.

Gabriele d'Annunzio says of Italy: "I dare say that she herself does not know what she is." Not ours to say, d'Annunzio—not ours to say; but she has the look of the lissom lass who loiters for the most golden offer.—Corpus Christi Caller.

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### To Teach Honesty.

The New York press announces that Honesty is to be taught to New York's school children by a special committee appointed by the Mayor." We can already see a distinctly noticeable increase in the population of Sing Sing in the not very distant fututre—if the past is any criterion in the make-up of these special committees.—Beaumont Journaal.

The scheme will have to be abandoned because the Mayor has no authority to appoint commissioners residing outside of New York City.—Austin American.

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### Boosting Texas.

If it is true that there are forty thousand applicants for jobs in connection with the proposed government railroad in Alaska, it shows once more how distance lends enchantment to the job hunter's view. The fact that more money can be made at raising cotton and corn in Texas than at working on a railroad in Alaska makes no difference—Texas is the real thing and Alaska mostly a vivid imagination.—Galveston News.

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### Human Nature.

The interpretation of a tablet 4,000 years old tells of a man who had just traded a couple of slaves for a chariot. Another proof that human nature has not changed much since early days. Instead of a slow chariot, man now wants a swift car, he'll trade his home for a joy ride.—Bridgeport Times.

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### Some Need Coffins.

After reading the exchanges we are forced to the conclusion that a few papers live in towns which would act wisely in buying a municipally operated pulmotor with which they could bring their business men back to life.—Courier Light

No pulmotors are needed in McKinney; every business man is a live wire and the business morgue is always empty.—McKinney Courier-Gazette.

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### It's Different Now.

Huerta, the former Mexican dictator, has become a landlord in New York. When he became president of Mexico he was an ordinary officer, but now he has money to invest in New York property up in the hundreds of thousands.—Cotulla Record.

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### We Didn't Get 'Em.

General Villa reports that he has scored a victory over General Obregon. Maybe the latter commander has weakened his forces by sending some regiments to vote in Texas municipal elections.—Galveston ews.

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### Quoting Solomon.

Can't a fellow get picked up slick? A few weeks ago we copied what we thought was a pretty smart saying and gave one of our exchanges credit. Since that time we have found out that the very same words were one of King Solomon's pet expressions several thousand years ago. We kindly request our exchanges that whenever they quote from the Bible to say so.—Foard County News.

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### An Idol Shattered.

Mary Pickford is being sued by her Los Angeles landlady. The lady alleges that "Miss Pickford dances so much that the floors are nail marked; that, during revelry by night, liquor is spilled on the furniture and the floors." Another idol shattered! We had no ieda that Mary was that sort of a girl.—Corpus Christi Caller.

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### The Mob Spirit.

The mob spirit so evident at the trial of Leo Frank at Atlanta, is cited as a reason why Frank should have clemency. The attitude of the people toward Frank was no doubt racial prejudice in small degree, but the possibility of turning what they believed to be a guilty man loose upon a legal technicality was no doubt the real "power behind the throne." Where money or influence enters into a trial as in Frank's case, there are enough available technicalities to make conviction in the face of seeming guilt exceedingly doubtful, and this was evidently what aroused a deetrmination akin to the mob spirit at the trial.—Corpus Christi Democrat.

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### Sick Headache.

Mrs. A. L. Luckie, East Rochester, N. Y., was a victim of sick headache and despondency, caused by a badly weakened and debilitated condition of her stomach, when she began taking Chamberlain's Tablets. She says, "I found them pleasant to take, also mild and effective. In a few weeks' time I was restored to my former good health." For sale by All dealers.

(Adv.)


## DEATH OF WILLIAM SIMPSON OCCURRED SUNDAY MORNING

### WELL KNOWN CITIZEN PASSES TO ETERNAL HOME.

Was Son of Army Chaplain Here 25 ears Ago and For Past 23 years Had Been in Custom Service.

A good and valuable citizen, a devoted husband and dutiful father cast aside the mantle of mortality and passed to a world where there is life everlasting, where no more illness racks the body and where suffering is unknown when William Simpson closed his eyes in dreamless slumber at his home 1919 Matamoros street yesterday morning at 1:45 o'clock. His death came suddenly following a prolonged illness; in fact he had suppered with his family and retired in usual spirits, but shortly after the midnight hour he was seized with an attack that caused him to succumb. He had called his loved ones to his bedside, the last farewell was spoken and the lips that always counseled and consoled, the hands that always tenderly grasped loved ones and friends and the eyes that always looked with kindliness and happiness on those about him were stilled. He was prepared for the inevitable and with that fortitude that dominates all good men he awaited the summons that would call him before the Great White Throne, there to give an account of his life in this transitory realm and get the reward that is promised the faithful and true.

William Simpson was a native of Chestertown, Md., where he was born on March 24, 1867. When a young man he came to this city with his parents, his father being Chaplain G. W. Simpson, who 25 years ago was stationed at Fort McIntosh. For a time the subject of this sketch was employed as express messenger on the Texas-Mexican road. In 1882, after the second election of Glover Cleveland as president and the appointment of Frank B. Earnest as collector of Customs, Mr. Simpson was appointed as a customs inspector, a position he retained up to the time of his death. In 1891 in this city he married to Miss Melita Perron, who with six children survive him, these being Misses Ruth, Lillian and Grace Simpson; George, Dewey and Oscar Simpson. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. F. L. Palmer, wife of Major General Palmer of Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. Mabie of Baltimore, and one brother, Harry Simpson of San Antonio.

Mr. Simpson had been in declining health the past two years, gradually growing weaker as time passed. Two months ago he went to San Antonio for medical treatment, but the trip availed him nothing and no benefit was derived from the treatment taken. Notwithstanding his weakened constitution he never took to his bed, but was able at intervals lately to perform his duties as customs inspector, leaving home daily up to Saturday, on which day he stayed at home. He was up and about Saturday and Saturday night enjoyed supper surrounded by the members of his family, little realizing that before the sun arose on a newborn day he would be in another world.

Deceased was a member of the W. O. W. and M. W. of A. lodges. The fneral took place from the home to the Episcopal church at 9:30 o'clock this morning. From the church the procession proceeded to the cemetery, where interment was made in the W. O. W. plot, the burial services being conducted by the W. O. W. lodge. The following acted as pall-bearers: J. B. DaCamara, Jose Benavides, T. R. Worsham, F. H. Earnest, J. J. Haynes and M. Feuille.

To the family go the sympathies of many friends in the bereavement which has befallen them.


### INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Supervising Architect's Office, Washington, D. C., April 29, 1915.—Sealed proposals will be opened in this office at 3 p. m. May 28, 1915, for remodeling an electric passenger elevator in the United States postoffice, courthouse and customhouse at Laredo, Tex., in accordance with the specification, copies of which may be had at this office, in the discretion of the Supervising Architect. Jos. A. Wetmore, Acting Supervising Architect.

N. B.—Bidders are required to return the specification without marks, notes, or other mutilations.

The Government frank sent to intending bidders is to be used for the return of the specification, and for no other purpose. (Adv.)


### Entertained Young Lady Friends.

At the Cogley home on Saturday afternoon Mesdames M. T. Cogley and S. M. Barlow were hostesses to a number of their young lady friends at a most delightful card party. For the occasion the rooms of the Cogley home used for the accommodation of the guests were lavishly decorated with a profusion of sweet peas and presented a most refreshing and seasonable appearance. The game of the afternoon was "Five Hundred," and after an interesting game the prize awards were made as follows: High score, hand-crocheted lingerie, won by Miss Louise Muller; second high score, hand-embroidered boudoir cap, won by Miss Maria Mowry; low score, pair 1830 collars, won by Miss Anita Mullally; consolation, hand-crocheted flower basket, cut by Miss Annie Alexander. A four-course luncheon was served. The favors were corsage bouquets of sweet peas. The following guests were present to enjoy the hospitalities of the hostesses. Mrs. T. J. Foster; Misses Louise Muller, Ethel and Myrtle Mackin, Maria Mowry, Frances and Annie Alexander, Amar Penn, Julia Schultz, Julia Leyendecker, Anita Mullally, Cleo Pereira, Lucille and Ruth Murphy, Mary Sames, Josephine Sauvignet, Esther Hirsch, Dora Gullette, Marguerite Nelson, Estelle Moser, Alice Denike, Maude McKnight, Flora Bunn, Etta Thaison, Elizabeth Mussett, Neva Vanderveer, Margaret Oberfell, Belle, Lilian and Emmie Westbrook, Kate Tarver, Alma Pierce, Jessie Hillert.

## DAN H. HICKEY SUCCUMBS TO INJURIES OF ACCIDENT

### SUFFERED MUCH PAIN SINCE COLLISION OF LAST THURSDAY

Was Well Known Railroad Clerk of This City and Had Held Varied Positions With the Company.

After enduring excruciating pain and all the paroxyms caused by the internal and external injuries sustained in the head-on collision of railroad motor cars at a point seven miles east of the city on Thursday night last, Dan H. Hickey, chief clerk to the general freight and passenger agent of the Texas-Mexican Ry. Co. passed away at the home of his sister, Miss Kate Hickey, on the Heights, this morning shortly after 3 o'clock. Since the accident all that the best medical skill and loving hands could do to alleviate his suffering and prolong his life was done, but everything proved unavailing and the Messenger of Death, standing there on the threshold, bade the sufferer to come into the Kingdom of God and there no more the vicissitudes and sufferings of the mortal world would invade and cause poignant pain. And when, in the early hours of morning, the sufferer closed his eyes in that eternal sleep, sweet repose came only after the endurance of much pain, much torture and intense agony. When the final summons came his loved ones were there at his bedside ministering to his wants, but their aid was unavailing, for his condition was such that his suffering and bodily pain were beyond human skill to mitigate. His loving wife and two little children were bereft of a dutiful and loving one, his sisters and brother lost a good brother and friends were bereft of a companion who was held in the highest esteem at all times. And thus Death, the inevitable conqueror of all, took husband, father, brother and friend to his domain to sleep the dreamless sleep in the tongueless dust, though the soul alone winged its flight to that celestial world where all is sweet repose.

Daniel H. Hickey was a native of Cotulla, Texas, where he was born in November, 1886. Fifteen years ago he came to Laredo and shortly afterwards secured employment as a mechanic in the National shops in this city, having completed his apprenticeship in the shops here. Later he secured a clerical position with the company and during the past five yvars was in the office of General Freight and Passenger Agent C. M. Fish, first as claim clerk and later, upon the death of his brother, Thomas, succeeded him as chief clerk, which position he held at the time of his death. In June, 1912, Mr. Hickey was married in San Diego to Miss Ethel Craven, daughter of D. A. Craven, and she, with two small children survive. Deceased was a member of the Knights of Columbus and was grand knight of the Laredo council at the time it surrendered its charter, Mr. Hickey then transferring to the San Antonio council together with other members. He was also a member of the Mechanics Union. Besides his wife and two children the subject of this sketch is survived by two sisters, Misses Kate and Mary Hickey, and one brother, Pat Hickey. All have the sympathies of their numerous friends and acquaintances in their hours of sorrow. The funeral will take place from the Hickey home on the Heights to St. Peter's Catholic church tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, interment in the Catholic cemetery.

## JURY IS FINALLY SECURED IN M'COY MURDER TRIAL

### JURY SECURED AFTER SIX VENIRES HAD BEEN EXHAUSTED.

The Twelth Juror Sworn in at 11 O'clock This Forenoon, When Trial of the Case Was Begun.

The trial of Corporal Everett McCoy, charged with the killing of Private William Banks, was begun in the district court here this morning

The trial of Corporal Everett McCoy, charged with the killing of Private William Banks, was begun in the district court here this morning after two days of work endeavoring to empanel a jury. After exhausting six special venires, aggregating a total of 189 men, and then selecting the twelfth juror from the third name on the seventh venire of 18 men, the jury was finally completed at precisely 11 o'clock this forenoon, when the trial of the case began. The jury in the box consists of W. M. Chase, M. A. Harper, Isaac Garza, C. B. Hastings, R. P. Woodard, J. B. Morton, M. W. Brennan, Antonio Perez, W. J. Carpenter, E. D. Rone, C. A. Swedberg and G. A. Tunningson.

The state is represented by District Attorney Valls, while the defense is in the hands of J. W. Kenney and J. L. Dannelley, who were appointed by the court to defend McCoy. The state put the first witness on the hands and was still adducing testimony up to the time court took a recess at noon. The principal witness in the case is Clara Garcia, at whose house the row that resulted in the death of Banks started. She is the star witness for the state. The other witnesss are nearly all soldiers.

Some interesting testimony will be adduced this afternoon, and it is expected that the case will go to the jury at about 4 o'clock. When or not they will reach a verdict this afternoon is a matter of conjecture.

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From Monday's Daily.

## LITTLE LOCALS

—The reception and luncheon given by the Laredo Fire Department to the members of the Laredo Racing Team, both reel and Paris rule, will take place at Firemen's Hall tomorrow night. All members of the fire department are requested to be present.

—The commissioners' court of Webb county was convened in regular quarterly session at the courthouse this morning by County Judge Page. Routine business only was transacted at the session this morning.

—Applewhite Transfer. Phone 16. 3-31-tf.

(Adv.)

—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since Saturday afternoon: Ignacio Diaz Gutierrez and Francisca Alaniz, Gabriel Hernandez and Romana Tapia V. de Tijerina.

—For auto trips in or out of the city phone 147. 4-21-1m.

Adv.)

—All the motion picture shows were crowded last night to witness the features provided by each show. Many were at the shows when the rain and electrical storm struck and were belated in reaching their homes.

—There will be an important postponed regular monthly meeting of the Laredo Fire Department on Thursday evening. At this meeting plans for the fire queen contest and hose races on June 9 will be launched and committees appointed to take charge of the events.

—Just received, an assorted car of Cane Seed, Milo Maize and Feterita. Call on us for prices. J. Armengol. 2-19-tf.

(Adv.)

—Two cars of cattle were derailed at mile post No. 6 on the Texas-Mexican road about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The cars turned over on one side, but the cattle were later gotten out of them with a loss of one or two head killed. This morning the cattle were driven to town.

—Horse clipping. Applewhite Transfer. 3-31-tf.

(Adv.)

—The Baptist Sunday School had a very enjoyable picnic on the Chacon creek last Saturday. The young people enjoyed the games and races and everybody had a good time. An original Sunday School song written by Mr. J. G. Burr was sung by the school.

—Moving, moving, moving. Applewhite Transfer. Phone 16. 3-31-tf.

(Adv.)

—The Southern Baptist convention will convene at Houston on May 12th. Mrs. Henry B. Woods and Miss Minnie Burr will attend. This convention will probably be the largest denominational meeting ever held in this country.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-tf. (Adv.)

—The regular meeting of the Associated Charities was held on Sunday afternoon. The treasurer reported a small balance on hand and the secretary reported a large number of calls. Assistance was given to the most deserving.

—If it is neat and accurate job printing that you want send your orders to The Times job department. Expert workmanship and the best of materials. 1-9-tf.

(Adv.)

—Sunday morning little Edward Strand Bruni made his first communion. In the afternoon he entertained a number of his little friends at a party at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Bruni. Refreshments were served and the little ones had a most delightful time.

—There will be a regular meeting at the Elks Lodge tonight.

### Special Notice.

The Dixie has just closed the biggest week of vaudeville ever offered in Laredo. Some people are making capital of the fact that we raised our prices. There is no doubt but those same people would do likewise if they offered anything worth it. We could put on twenty reels of so-called "features" for what it cost us to put on any one of the three attractions on which we have raised our price in the past three months. We added over $200 to our weekly expense two weeks ago without raising our prices. We want to be understood.

(Adv.)

### Call For Bids.

Bids for the construction of two reenforced concrete bridges to be placed across the Zacate and Chacon creeks, subject to the result of a bond election, which will be called for later, will be received at the office of the City Secretary by the Street and Bridge Committee until June 15th, 1915, at ten o'clock in the morning, and then opened. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of the City Secretary. Separate bids will be required. Should private plans be wanted same can be secured by the payment of ten dollars to the City Secretary. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

J. S. WESTBROOK,
Chairman, Street & Bridge Committee.

5-5-td (Adv.)

### Onion Shipments.

Ninety-four cars of onions were shipped out of Laredo Saturday night and nineteen cars last night. All over the I. & G. N. This makes a total of 1647 cars so far shipped from Laredo this season.

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## BISHOP CAPERS VISITATION TO CHRIST CHURCH YESTERDAY

### CLASS OF TWENTY WAS CONFIRMED AT EVENING SERVICE.

### First Visit of New Coadjutor Bishop of the Episcopal Church to Laredo Marked by Large Attendance.

Rt. Rev. William T. Capers, Coadjutor Bishop of West Texas, made his first episcopal visitation to Laredo Saturday and Sunday. His visit was to have extended over Monday, but as he was obliged to attend a conference of ecclesiastics in Dallas, he was forced to leave last night immediately after the confirmation of twenty persons, mostly adults.

In the morning Bishop Capers preached to a large congregation, and it is repretted that we have not space for more than a brief resume of his splendid sermon. Among other things the Bishop said, taking as his text I John, v, 4: "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith":

"Yesterday I went over the ruined city of New Laredo. That is an example of what the spirit of the world can accomplish. At the time St. John wrote this letter, Nero had worked havoc in Rome. Caesar was on the throne, but it was not for the good of the world. Pilate well explained the atmosphere of the moral and spiritual condition of the world when he asked the Saviour: "What is truth?"

"The spirit of the world has ever been the force, whatever it is, that is ever battling against the higher things. Evil broke into Eden and destroyed the image of God which was in the face of man. We get the idea of the spirit of the world when we see Satan taking Christ up into a high place and showing Him the kingdoms of the world which he would bestow if the Saviour would worship him."

The bishop told of a letter which he received from a Methodist minister asking him what was the attitude of the church with regard to dancing, card playing, theater going, drinkng and swearing. Bishops Capers said that the church helps us to triumph over the world. She does not proscribe or prescribe. If we will live on Christ as given to us in the sacraments of the church, we will triumph over the world.

The bishop said that the criticism today was not of Christ but of Christianity. Christ never changes, but too much of the Christianity of the modern life had drifted away from the correct ideals. It is because many people attempt to substitute the Chrisianian life by charity balls, etc.

At night Bishop Capers confirmed the following: J. W. Mussett, Misses Lizzie and Maud Mussett, Miss Maud McKnight, Mrs. A. E. Younkin, Mrs. Thos. Reed, Miss Clara Nelson, Mrs. Sue Schmitt, Mrs. Agnes Huberich, Mr. and Mrs. Con Mims, Walter Nye, William A. Reeves, Alfred Campbell, Percy Randolph, Misses Willie Belle Brennan, Violet Oberfell, Ruth Netzer, Eva Scratchley and Elsie Werner.

The bishop gave a stirring address to the confirmed, taking as his text Philippians iii, 13 and 14, which contains the familiar quotation "I press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Despite the fact that Bishop Capers' time was limited, his address was an inspiring one, and one that the newly-made members of the church will never forget.

It is hoped that in the coming fall, when his duties will permit of a longer stay, Bishop Capers will make another visitation to Laredo, when our citizens will have an opportunity of meeting him.

The reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Martin was abandoned, as the time was too short to change the date when the bishop found himself obliged to leave Sunday night.

## PERSONALS

Walter Stein of the Border Gas Company has gone to Flatonia to attend the funeral of his father, who died there last Saturday.

Mrs. E. E. Ochoa returned yesterday from San Antonio, where she spent three weeks visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Ochoa.

A. H. Floyd, representing the Armour Fertilizer Works, with headquarters at Houston, arrived in the city yesterday and is stopping at the Hamilton.

Mrs. Mary C. Scovill, mother of Frank E. Scovill, after an extended visit here left last night for Austin, where she will visit a daughter for a while and then proceed to Los Angeles, Cali., to make her future home.

ROSS:—S. P. Moses, Boston; T. A. McVicar, New York; Carlos Morton, Villaldama; Sam Ferris, Houston; R. M. Weber, San Antonio; Fortunato Lozano, Villaldama; Federico Chapa and family, Nuevo Laredo. J. A. Senson, L. S. Berman, San Antonio.

HAMILTON:—L. T. Harned, Bartlettsville; B. H. Helm, Dallas; Rufus Thomas, Del Rio; A. H. Floyd, Houston; A. H. Sutherland, Sonora; J. R. Fariss, Parsons, Kan.; Geo. W. Neely, Fort Worth; J. H. Cardilli, Islitas; San Antonio; J. D. Jennings, Ranch; A. A. Willke, R. Diaz, E. Karches, Ed. Peterson, Reiser; W. P. Thurmond and wife, Pearsall; Homer Jennings, San Antonio; F. A. Best, Dallas; Chas. Eikel, San Antonio; Jno. J. Burris, Melon.


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# WILSON WILL DENOUNCE SINKING OF THE LINER LUSITANIA AS AN INEXCUSABLE ACT

## Many Messages Received at the White House Counsel Peace, and the President is Expected to Outline the Country's Policy at Tomorrow's Cabinet Meeting Although Hostilities are Not Expected.

### KILLED MEXICAN SMUGGLERS.

By Associated Press.

Alpine, Texas, May 10.—United States customs guards Saturday killed two Mexican smugglers.

### FRANK IS SENTENCED.

By Associated Press.

Atlanta, Ga., May 10.—Leo Frank today was sentenced to hang June 22.

### 70,000 MUSICIANS REPRESENTED.

San Francisco, May 10.—Seventy thousand musicians in all parts of the United States are represented by delegates at the 20th annual convention of the American Federation of Musicians, which will be held here this week.

### WATERWORKS EXPERTS AT CINCINNATI.

Cincinnati, May 10.—The convention of the American Waterworks Association has brought to Cincinnati many heads of water departments in the big cities, consulting engineers and sanitary experts.

### SENTENCE DIAMOND SMUGGLER.

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(Adv.)

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—There will be a regular meeting at the Elks Lodge tonight.

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Bids for the construction of two reenforced concrete bridges to be placed across the Zacate and Chacon creeks, subject to the result of a bond election, which will be called for later, will be received at the office of the City Secretary by the Street and Bridge Committee until June 15th, 1915, at ten o'clock in the morning, and then opened. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of the City Secretary. Separate bids will be required. Should private plans be wanted same can be secured by the payment of ten dollars to the City Secretary. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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5-5-td. (Adv.)

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"Yesterday I went over the ruined city of New Laredo. That is an example of what the spirit of the world can accomplish. At the time St. John wrote this letter, Nero had worked havoc in Rome. Caesar was on the throne, but it was not for the good of the world. Pilate well explained the atmosphere of the moral and spiritual condition of the world when he asked the Saviour: "What is truth?"

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At the residence of Mrs. C. G. Woodman Saturday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock, the ladies of the Parish Guild of Christ Church gave a farewell reception to Mrs. Mary C. Scovill, on the eve of her departure for an extended visit to relatives in Austin and Los Angeles. After an entertainment, ice cream and cakes were served, and just before the close of the reception Mrs. W. W. MacGregor, on behalf of the Guild, presented the honoree with a handsome gold brooch with a forget-me-not in the center. Bishop Capers and Rev. C. W. Cook arrived before the close and the bishop delivered a short address to the Guild on its valuable work to the parish.

### Has Returned to Laredo.

Leo Eistetter, who has been at Tampico the past year or more as a foreman at one of the big oil wells down there, returned to Laredo yesterday and will again make his home in the land of peace and sure-enough liberty. Leo left Tampico several weks ago and has since been visiting in Galveston, Houston and San Antonio.

From Tuesday's Daily.

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Mrs. Nannie Webb Curtis is noted as a prohibition agitator. She has delighted in the fray and still finds it more exhilarating than the peace which results from the tacit agreement to drop it for the present.

There is no attempt to show that Mrs. Curtis is not actuated by what appear to her to be good and worthy motives in her fight against the saloons. But she is not actuated by the best motives when she attempts to destroy the existing harmony for the sake of "playing politics."

Mrs. Curtis cannot help knowing that the prohibition statute which she seeks to have passed could not by any means become law at the present time. She knows that the legislature could not constitutionally consider it; she knows that there is a majority of the opponents of such a measure in both house and senate; she knows that even though such a bill should succeed in passing both house and senate the present governor would veto it.

Therefore, why bring up the matter at the present time? The answer is patent to all. Simply to keep Mrs. Curtis before the public as the unrelenting foe of the saloon, and to secure the publicity which those of that faction find as necessary to their existence as the breath of life.

Were it not for the publicity—and incidentally for the money there is in the game—would the prominent lecturers of the Anti-Saloon League of unsavory reputation be so continuously before the public? Would they be willing to perform their "labors" in a modest, unassuming way, without the flourish of trumpets and the red headlines in the newspapers displaying their names and their talents?

Some of those most prominent in the work of "redeeming fallen mankind from the drink curse" are men who have been discredited and disowned by their own states. Take Malcolm Patterson, for instance. What chance would he have telling a Tennessee audience what to do on any moral question?

And Richmond Pearson Hobson, the defeated candidate for United States senator in Alabama. Does anyone supppose that he could get together a representative audience of Alabamians to listen to his talk on any question?

And if these people are discredited in their own states, how can they expect their words to have any weight elsewhere in these days of modern newspaper and telegraph facilities?

It is well for Texas that she has a governor that will live up to his promises. It is well for our state that we have a legislature that is not disposed to run after any stray will-o'-the-wisp like the prohibition question until other and far more important matters are settled.

And despite the efforts of the "reformers" to once more turn things upside down, we have every promise of something being done before the present legislature goes out of office.

## THE ROBERTSON LAW.

Senator McGregor, writing from Austin in answer to a query as to his attitude on the proposed amendment to the Robertson insurance law, comes out flat-footed in defense of the law as it stands and gives his reasons, which seem to us the most logical reasons for supporting the present law that we have read.

Mr. McGregor says that the insurance companies which afterward left the state "had in 1907 before the legislature the most insolent, arrogant, brazen, impudent, powerful and insulting lobby fighting this (Robertson) bill that ever assembled in the capital of Texans."

He says that these companies admitted that the act was a legitimate exercise of the police power of the state, which is the very essence of sovereignty.

The real basis of the Robertson law is that it requires the insurance companies to invest a certain percentage of the money derived from Texas premiums in Texas securities, thus serving two purposes: Keeping the Texas money within the state and giving Texas insured a greater security for the premiums paid.

Mr. McGregor compared the insurance laws before the passage of the Robertson act to a great cow, feeding, flourishing and fattening, with her head in the fields and on the plains and prairies of Texas, with her distended udder in Wall street, where the captains of finance "milked her forty times a day." He said that while the Robertson law did not have the effect of turning this cow around so that she would be fed in New York and milked in Texas, it did have the effect of driving her home to this great state, where she would be milked by the people who fed her.

The senator says that if the companies who have left the state owe us back taxes on the premiums which they have collected from this state since 1907, then the legislature has no power under the constitution to remit one penny of those taxes. If they do not owe those taxes, then as a moral proposition, which is the highest law of states and nations, they should not be required to pay us a bribe of $100,000, or any other sum, to permit them to return to Texas.

The trouble is, according to Mr. McGregor, that the majority of the people who are now in favor of the Gibson bill have been misled by the fallacious arguments of the big insurance companies, and have looked upon the new bill as an insurance bill, when as a matter of fact it is a money changer's bill.

The question is not whether to permit these companies to return to Texas on the promise of a future investment in Texas securities, but to so safeguard the money of the Texas widows and orphans that the payment of the policies due them may be assured.

When the big companies left this state they took with them sixty millions of dollars of Texas money, which they invested elsewhere, chiefly in Eastern watered stocks. They left in Texas in expenses, etc., a trifle more than twenty millions of the premiums collected. That is they took with them 75 per cent of the Texas premiums collected during their legalized stay in this state.

This of itself shows the animus of the big insurance companies in trying to defeat the purpose of the Robertson bill by passing the Gibson bill. Why should we give up a known advantage to accept a problematical gain? If there was anything in the Gibson bill for the people of Texas, is it reasonable to suppose that the insurance companies would favor it?

The Robertson act is a safeguard of the widows and orphans of Texas. That it is not a harsh or oppressive measure is shown by the fact that a few of the best companies have remained here under its provisions, and that they still do business here under this law is proof that they can afford to do so. And if they can, why not the others?

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The Cologne Volks Zeitung says of the Lusitania affair: "With joyful pride we contemplate this latest deed of our navy." And the paper is probably tickled to death over the cute foresight which kept the German warships from coming out to meet the British.

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The Texas legislature wants a complete severance of all diplomatic relations with Germany. It may come to that before the question is settled. Deplorable as the break would be, it certainly would not be our fault.

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It is reported that the British troops in Belgium have been greatly reinforced during the past few days. It might be added that they have also been greatly aroused, and the cry of: "Remember the Lusitania" may yet be the signal for a terrible revenge.

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Senator Morris Sheppard says the Lusitania incident will be a tremendous argument for disarmament. But when one considers who has been consistently opposed to disarmament, what effect will the argument have?

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President Wilson believes the sinking of the Lusitania is inexcusable under the laws of nations and of humanity. There will be more people agree with him on that basis than there were to defend his Mexican policy.

### Onion Shipments.

Fifty cars of onions were shipped out of Laredo last night over the I. & G. N. This makes a total of 1697 cars so far shipped from this city this season.

For Neat and Accurate Job Work ring up 43.

## VOICE OF TEXAS.

### German Efficiency.

We call it efficiency. The Germans have a word that does not mean exactly efficiency, or rather that means more than efficiency—kultur, which has a broader meaning than the word culture. German efficiency, it has recently been remarked, is well exemplified in the 360,000 wooden legs and wooden arms that have come into use in Germany in the last eight months. It is said that every one of them is made in Germany and they are the best of their kind.—Beumont Enterprise.

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### The Lusitania.

The world will not accept the plea. It will hold, farther, that this was a crime which outrages human instincts no less than it does the code of civilized warfare. Even if it carried contraband, the Lusitania was not liable to the attack that was made on it. It was liable to arrest and convoyance into a harbor. The Lusitania's passengers had incurred no liability whatever, and Germany can not plead its advertised warning to fasten on them a liability from which they were exempt by the laws of nations and the instincts of humanity. Their gravest and only fault was charity in assuming that Germany was amenable either to the injunctions of law or the restraints of civilization. The sin for which thirteen hundred men, women and children have paid the supreme penalty was in having underestimated the depth of Germany's relapse into barbarism. Germany has mocked their faith and their charity by sending them to perdition with the ruthlessness of an assassin, an assassin whose only concern was to minimize the chance of escaping the destruction that had been meditated.—Galveston News.

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### A Former Texan.

Mike Connolly, editor of the Memphis (Tenn.) News Scimitar, has been elected exalted ruler of the Memphis Lodge of Elks. Mike is a Texan, and commenced life as a telegraph operator at Paris, and he was one of the best that ever flashed the messages across the wires. From telegraphing he got into the newspaper game and for a while held an editorial position on the old Fort Worth Gazette, later going to Memphis. He has a host of oldtime friends in Texas who have watched his career with much pleasure.—Sherman Democrat.

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### Those Mermaids.

We understand that Colonel W. A. Bowen of the Arlington Journal will not attend the Texas Press Association at Corpus Christi in June for fear he will be required to take a plunge in the bay accompanied by a mermaid. On the other hand Major Henry E. Ellis of the Denison Herald will not attend because it is rumored he will not be allowed a mermaid to swim with. Colonel Bowen can not swim and Major Ellis can swim.—Georgetown Commercial.

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### His Chance.

Fort Worth has a reputation for retaining some of the spirit and customs of the frontier but we hardly expected that it would submit to poker playing in the art gallery of the public library at 3:30 o'clock in the morning. Here's a chance for Chief Bailey, the college-bred director of the police force, to break up something.—Waco News.

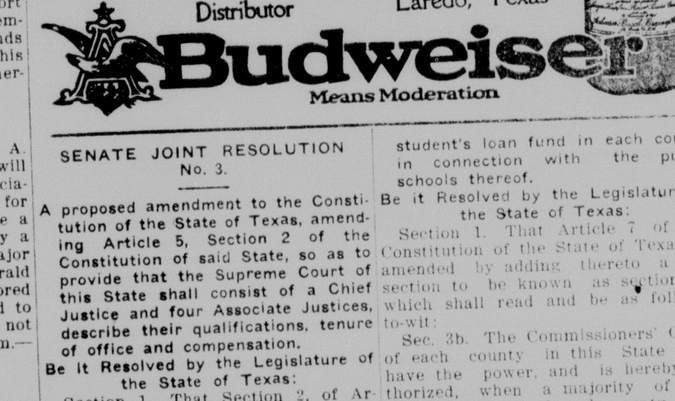
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### Same Here.

That sweet perfume that pervades the atmosphere of Eagle Pass reminds one that the truckers are harvesting the delicious Bermuda.—Eagle Pass News-Guide.

## TIMES WANT ADS.

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"FRAMERS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE U.S.A." NO. 5

**Benjamin Franklin—"Father of American Diplomacy"**

AMERICA has never produced a greater statesman than Franklin, who was revered by the people second only to Washington. He was a signer of both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States, and his wisdom made the latter a possibility. The great Lord Chatham pronounced him not only an honor to the Anglo-Saxon people, but to human nature. In every capitol of Europe he was a welcome guest, and he it was who induced France to lend us ships, men and money during the darkest days of the Revolution. Upon his death Congress ordered a general mourning of a month. In France it was decreed that all members of the national assembly should wear mourning for three days. So long as Americans treasure the Republic and Personal Liberty as the noblest of all human blessings, the fame of Franklin can never perish. Personally he was possessed of robust health; he was a well-shaped man, of a wise but merry nature; he had the head of a Greek philosopher, while his grace, his noble bearing and winning personality made him a conspicuous figure in any assemblage of great men. He was a moderate user all his lifetime of Old Madeira and barley-malt brews. It is safe to say that he toasted the New Republic with every great man of Europe and America. Franklin considered his work in building the Constitution his greatest service to posterity. Upon the self-evident declaration of the Constitution of the United States Anheuser-Busch 58 years ago launched their gigantic institution. To-day, wherever Americans go for health, or business, or pleasure, their famed brand BUDWEISER is there. Its popularity, due to its quality, purity, mildness and exquisite flavor, has daily grown in public favor until 7500 people are constantly employed to keep pace with the ever-increasing demand.

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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 3.

**A proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, amending Article 5, Section 2 of the Constitution of said State, so as to provide that the Supreme Court of this State shall consist of a Chief Justice and four Associate Justices, describe their qualifications, tenure of office and compensation.**

**Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:**

Section 1. That Section 2, of Article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

Section 2. The Supreme Court shall consist of a Chief Justice and four Associate Justices, any three of whom shall constitute a quorum, and the concurrence of three judges shall be necessary to the decision of a case. No person shall be eligible to the office of Chief Justice or Associate Justice of the Supreme Court unless he be at the time of his election a citizen of the United States, and of this State, and unless he shall have attained the age of thirty years, and shall have been a practicing lawyer or a Judge of a Court, or such lawyer and judge together, at least seven years. Said Chief Justice and Associate Justices shall be elected by the qualified voters of the State at a general election, shall hold their offices six years, or until their successors are elected and qualified, and shall each receive an annual salary of five thousand dollars until otherwise provided by law. In case of a vacancy in the office of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Governor shall fill the vacancy until the next general election for said officers; and at such general election the vacancy for the unexpired term shall be filled by election by the qualified voters of the State. The Judges of the Supreme Court who may be in office at the time this amendment takes effect shall continue in office until the expiration of their term of office under the present Constitution, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Immediately after the adoption of this amendment the Governor of this State shall call an election for the purpose of electing two Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, one of whom shall, when elected, hold said office for four years and one of whom, when elected shall hold said office for six years, and the question of which of them shall hold for four years and which of them hold for six years shall be determined by lot, as now provided by law.

Sec. 3. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation, ordering an election to determine whether or not said Constitution amendments will be adopted, and have the same published, as required by the Constitution and the laws of this State. Said election shall be held on the fourth Saturday in July, 1915, and the sum of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00), or so much thereof as necessary, is hereby appropriated from any fund in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated to defray the expenses of printing said proclamation and of holding said election.

Jno. G. McKay,
Secretary of State

(A true copy.)

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 9.

**A joint resolution to amend Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto Section 3b, authorizing the Legislature to provide by law for the creation of a student's loan fund in each county in connection with the public schools thereof.**

**Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:**

Section 1. That Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto a new section to be known as section 3b, which shall read and be as follows, to-wit:

Sec. 3b. The Commissioners' Court of each county in this State shall have the power, and is hereby authorized, when a majority of the qualified voters of such county shall vote to create such fund, to create a fund to be known as a "Students' Loan Fund," for the purpose of enabling students of the public free schools of said county to borrow money to be used in their education for the purpose of graduating from the county public schools and after graduation to continue their education in any higher State institution of learning, such fund to be created and administered by the Commissioners' Court of each county as may be provided by law.

Sec. 2. And the Legislature may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within such county for the purpose of raising said students' loan fund, said tax not to exceed in any one year twenty cents (20c) on the one hundred dollars ($100.00) valuation of the property subject to taxation in each county; provided, that a majority of the qualified property tax paying voters of the county voting at an election to be held for that purpose shall vote such tax. Provided that if the tax is adopted, after it has been enforced for two years, an election may be held, on the order of the commissioners' court to determine whether or not said tax shall be repealed; and provided further, that it shall be the duty of the Commissioners' Court to order such election upon a petition so to do by twenty-five per cent of the qualified tax paying voters of the county.

Sec. 3. The Legislature shall pass the necessary laws carrying into effect this provision of the Constitution.

Sec. 4. That the above and foregoing proposed amendment shall be duly published once a week for four weeks, commencing at least three (3) months before a special election to be held for the purpose of voting upon such proposed amendment, on the fourth Saturday in July, 1915, in one weekly newspaper of each county in the State of Texas, in which such newspaper may be published. And the Governor shall, and he is hereby directed, to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this proposed amendment to the qualified electors for members of the Legislature. At such election all persons favoring such amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "For the Amendments to Section 3 of Article 7 of the Constitution, adding thereto Section 3b, authorizing the Commissioners' Court to create a Students' Loan Fund," and those opposed thereto shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "Against the Amendments to Section 3 of Article 7 of the Constitution, adding thereto Section 3b, authorizing the Commissioners' Court to create a Students' Loan Fund."

Sec. 5. That $5,000.00, or as much thereof as may be necessary be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of advertising and holding the election provided for above.

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## DIXIE THEATRE BUILDING WAS CONSUMED BY FLAMES

### STRUCTURE DOOMED WHEN FIRE WAS FIRST DISCOVERED.

### Systematic and Effective Work of Fireboys in Saving Adjoining and Nearby Buildings Commended.

Only the debris and the front walls of the Dixie Theatre remain standing today as a token of a disastrous fire which broke out shortly after midnight and the flames entirely consuming that structure. When the alarm of fire sounded from the fire station the building was then beyond human control to save, though the fire boys worked valiantly to save what they could. Through systematic and effective work, wherein each and every company under their foreman and chief and assistant, worked in clock work and precise order, the Elks building, the Nieto garage, the Sanitary Grocery and Convery's stable were saved from destruction. Within less than ten minutes ofter the alarm was sounded the Lone Star Hook and Ladder Co., Rescue Hose Co. No. 3 and Protection Hose Co. No. 4 were on the ground with four streams of water playing on the raging flames. One thing in favor of the fireboys was the fact that practically no wind prevailed to fan the tongues of flame, but in fighting the fire the squads encountered the most intense heat ever experienced at a fire in Laredo—the whole structure was a blazing mass and flames were leaping high in the air and from every side of the building. In the front part on Convent Avenue the fireboys got to work on the Elks Club, the cornice of which was just about to break into flame as a result of the intense heat and smoke was freely issuing therefrom. At the same time on this side another stream of water played on the Dixie Theatre building. In the rear of the Dixie a squad of fireboys extinguished the building in which Nieto has his garage, the roof of this building having ignited, and no further loss resulted there. Three automobiles were practically at the mercy of the fire at first, but these were quickly removed to safety on the plaza. Again on the south side of the Dixie the fourth squad of fireboys drenched the flames and kept them from endangering the building on the other corner. Never before was such efficient and systematic fire fighting witnessed in Laredo, for the fire department had an opportunity to show its true worth to the city last night and they unhesitatingly took advantage of it. The result is one destroyed building instead of several—and the building that is now a mass of flames had been practically consumed before the fire alarm was turned in.

At the hour of the night when the fire was discovered, about 12:40, there were very few people on the streets. Some sauntering along that way saw flames coming from the rear of the building. T. J. Johnson, undertaker for John Convery, happened along about the time that the first discovery of the fire was made and he rushed into the building and called Harry Hughes, the picture machine operator, who was asleep. At that time the whole interior of the Dixie was a mass of flames and Hughes had to hurry to get out of the building safely. He attempted to save some of the films and projecting machine, but it was too late, for the heat, smoke and flame drove him out. As Hughes came out the alarm was ringing, and at that time the entire building was ablaze. Those who first saw the flames assert that the fire started in the rear of the building, presumably on the stage or its environs. How it originated is a mystery and can only be conjectured. Mrs. Eitt, the proprietor, arrived on the scene after the fire was under control and was mortified at what had happened. She could assign no reason for the fire, except that perhaps it was the work of an incendiary. Her belief in this line is through suspicions surrounding a happening of a few nights ago. Mrs. Eitt states that about closing time a few nights ago she heard some one on the stage strike a match and went to investigate. As she entered on the stage a man, an absolute stranger, stood on the stage with an ignited match in his hand. When she asked who he was and what he wanted he threw the match down, ran to the door and leaped over the fence. Whether or not the same party fired the building last night may never be known, but circumstantial evidence looks strong.

Had the fire been discovered fifteen minutes sooner than it was there is no doubt but that considerable material in the theatre could have been saved, but as it was nothing was succored from the flames.

The water pressure last night was the best ever known in Laredo and strong, high streams of water were thrown—it was easy to throw water on the roof of the Elks building with all streams. The amount of hose laid last night presented an interesting sight, for there was practically a net work of hose running about the scene of the fire. Nearly 3,000 feet of hose was laid to accommodate the four streams of water, and the hose was laid in "hose-racing" style and almost as quick, in fact the work of the hose racing boys showed up excellently on this occasion and merited much praise and commendation for the good work done in saving adjacent buildings.

In addition to the Laredo Fire Department members, the fire squads from the Ninth Infantry Camp, consisting of nearly a hundred members of the bucket brigade, accompanied by a squad of soldiers under arms, were rushed to the scene by General Evans, the men being in charge of Captain Kinney. Upon arrival at the scene of the fire the men reported to Chief Biggio and placed themselves at his disposal, but they were not needed as the fireboys were at that time able to cope with the situation. However, the act was highly appreciated and General Evans and Captain Kinney were sincerely thanked for their proffered assistance.

Mrs. W. M. Eitt, proprietor of the Dixie Theatre, estimates her loss at $4,500, with insurance of less than $2,000. Represented in the loss was thirteen films of pictures worth about $1,300. The picture machines, piano, building, chairs, etc., represented the remainder of the loss.

## M'COY IS PUT ON THE STAND AND TELLS JURY HIS STORY

### CLAIMS HE KILLED WILLIAM BANKS IN SELF-DEFENSE.

### Case is Being Hard Fought by Both Sides and Interesting Facts Are Brought Out in Testimony.

The trial of Everett McCoy, charged with the killing of Private William Banks, has developed one of the most interesting cases called in the district court in this city in some time. The counsel for the defense, J. W. Kenney and J. L. Dannelley, appointed by the court, are fighting every inch of allotted ground in behalf of their client, while District Attorney Valls is conducting the prosecution. At first it appeared that everything was against McCoy, but through his counsel facts have been brought out that have extenuating circumstances and are causing an impression to be made on the jurors.

Yesterday afternoon McCoy was put on the stand and testified in his own behalf; this morning he was recalled and reiterated testimony which he adduced yesterday. Eduardo Villareal was also put on the stand by the defense and gave testimony that somewhat mitigates the case against McCoy, for Villareal stated that Banks and him had had two encounters and that the dead man was known as a "scrapper." McCoy, in testifying, admitted killing Banks, but stated that it was done in self-defense. He said he and Banks had an altercation the evening of the killing, the quarrel starting in a certain house. McCoy said Banks kept striking at him after he had backed out of the house and gone into the yard; that after reaching the yard Banks had forced him up to the fence and then began calling to some of his comrades to come and help him, all the time trying to give McCoy a "knockout" blow. McCoy said he was "cornered," and fearing the friends of Banks would pounce upon him, he pulled his pistol, shot Banks and made his getaway.

As stated before, the case is being hard fought by both sides and there are intervals of delay caused by summoning additional witnesses to attempt to offset testimony adduced. It is probable that the trial will be concluded this afternoon and be given to the jury.

### Card of Thanks.

We wish by this means to express our sincere thanks to those kind friends and relatives, who assisted us and showed us sympathy during the illness and death of our beloved daughter, Florinda; also to those who sent flowers at the funeral.

A. Bugnoli and Family.


### Sick Headache.

Mrs. A. L. Luckie, East Rochester, N. Y., was a victim of sick headache and despondency, caused by a badly weakened and debilitated condition of her stomach, when she began taking Chamberlain's Tablets. She says, "I found them pleasant to take, also mild and effective. In a few weeks' time I was restored to my former good health." For sale by All dealers.

(Adv.)


## NEARLY WRECKED THE CART.

### Barney Oldfield at Large During Fire Last Night Almost Caused Disastrous Accident at Fire.

The practice of reckless driving by automobilists during fires at a time when the attention of the firemen is on the work before them and they are not looking out for flying demons, should stop—an ordinance making such compulsory might be passed. Reckless driving is prohibited, anyhow, and the rule should be enforced especially during a big fire.

Last night a serious accident was narrowly averted on Matamoros street when someone in an auto going about fifty miles an hour came down the street. A squad of fireboys was laying the hose to the hydrant in front of the federal building when the flying car struck the hose cart being used and knocked it to one side. The firemen got out of the way to give the flying autoist the right of way.

## HICKEY FUNERAL THIS MORNING

### Large Procession Followed Remains From Home to St. Peter's Church and Thence to Grave.

A large and sorrowing procession followed the remains of Dan H. Hickey on the Heights to St. Peter's Catholic church and thence to the Catholic cemetery this morning. The funeral procession reached the church about 9 o'clock. Here a solemn and impressive funeral service was conducted by Rev. Father McLoy, after which the procession moved to the Catholic cemetery, where interment was made.

The high esteem in which the deceased was held in Laredo was mutely attested by the many beautiful floral offerings sent to the home, for here the casket rested in a mound of flowers. At the grave, mid tears and heart throbs, the remains were laid to rest and there was builded a mound bedecked with those delicate symbols of love and esteem, delicate flowers, which, too, must die and wither—symbolizing the transition of life. The pall-bearers at the funeral were the following, consisting mostly of men with whom the deceased had come in daily contact:

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And Richmond Pearson Hobson, the defeated candidate for United States senator in Alabama. Does anyone supppose that he could get together a representative audience of Alabamians to listen to his talk on any question?

And if these people are discredited in their own states, how can they expect their words to have any weight elsewhere in these days of modern newspaper and telegraph facilities?

It is well for Texas that she has a governor that will live up to his promises. It is well for our state that we have a legislature that is not disposed to run after any stray will-o'-the-wisp like the prohibition question until other and far more important matters are settled.

And despite the efforts of the "reformers" to once more turn things upside down, we have every promise of something being done before the present legislature goes out of office.

## THE ROBERTSON LAW.

Senator McGregor, writing from Austin in answer to a query as to his attitude on the proposed amendment to the Robertson insurance law, comes out flat-footed in defense of the law as it stands and gives his reasons, which seem to us the most logical reasons for supporting the present law that we have read.

Mr. McGregor says that the insurance companies which afterward left the state "had in 1907 before the legislature the most insolent, arrogant, brazen, impudent, powerful and insulting lobby fighting this (Robertson) bill that ever assembled in the capital of Texans."

He says that these companies admitted that the act was a legitimate exercise of the police power of the state, which is the very essence of sovereignty.

The real basis of the Robertson law is that it requires the insurance companies to invest a certain percentage of the money derived from Texas premiums in Texas securities, thus serving two purposes: Keeping the Texas money within the state and giving Texas insured a greater security for the premiums paid.

Mr. McGregor compared the insurance laws before the passage of the Robertson act to a great cow, feeding, flourishing and fattening, with her head in the fields and on the plains and prairies of Texas, with her distended udder in Wall street, where the captains of finance "milked her forty times a day." He said that while the Robertson law did not have the effect of turning this cow around so that she would be fed in New York and milked in Texas, it did have the effect of driving her home to this great state, where she would be milked by the people who fed her.

The senator says that if the companies who have left the state owe us back taxes on the premiums which they have collected from this state since 1907, then the legislature has no power under the constitution to remit one penny of those taxes. If they do not owe those taxes, then as a moral proposition, which is the highest law of states and nations, they should not be required to pay us a bribe of $100,000, or any other sum, to permit them to return to Texas.

The trouble is, according to Mr. McGregor, that the majority of the people who are now in favor of the Gibson bill have been misled by the fallacious arguments of the big insurance companies, and have looked upon the new bill as an insurance bill, when as a matter of fact it is a money changer's bill.

The question is not whether to permit these companies to return to Texas on the promise of a future investment in Texas securities, but to so safeguard the money of the Texas widows and orphans that the payment of the policies due them may be assured.

When the big companies left this state they took with them sixty millions of dollars of Texas money, which they invested elsewhere, chiefly in Eastern watered stocks. They left in Texas in expenses, etc., a trifle more than twenty millions of the premiums collected. That is they took with them 75 per cent of the Texas premiums collected during their legalized stay in this state.

This of itself shows the animus of the big insurance companies in trying to defeat the purpose of the Robertson bill by passing the Gibson bill. Why should we give up a known advantage to accept a problematical gain? If there was anything in the Gibson bill for the people of Texas, is it reasonable to suppose that the insurance companies would favor it?

The Robertson act is a safeguard of the widows and orphans of Texas. That it is not a harsh or oppressive measure is shown by the fact that a few of the best companies have remained here under its provisions, and that they still do business here under this law is proof that they can afford to do so. And if they can, why not the others?

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The Cologne Volks Zeitung says of the Lusitania affair: "With joyful pride we contemplate this latest deed of our navy." And the paper is probably tickled to death over the cute foresight which kept the German warships from coming out to meet the British.

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The Texas legislature wants a complete severance of all diplomatic relations with Germany. It may come to that before the question is settled. Deplorable as the break would be, it certainly would not be our fault.

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It is reported that the British troops in Belgium have been greatly reinforced during the past few days. It might be added that they have also been greatly aroused, and the cry of: "Remember the Lusitania" may yet be the signal for a terrible revenge.

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Senator Morris Sheppard says the Lusitania incident will be a tremendous argument for disarmament. But when one considers who has been consistently opposed to disarmament, what effect will the argument have?

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President Wilson believes the sinking of the Lusitania is inexcusable under the laws of nations and of humanity. There will be more people agree with him on that basis than there were to defend his Mexican policy.

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### Onion Shipments.

Fifty cars of onions were shipped out of Laredo last night over the I. & G. N. This makes a total of 1697 cars so far shipped from this city this season.

For Neat and Accurate Job Work ring up 43.

## VOICE OF TEXAS.

### German Efficiency.

We call it efficiency. The Germans have a word that does not mean exactly efficiency, or rather that means more than efficiency—kultur, which has a broader meaning than the word culture. German efficiency, it has recently been remarked, is well exemplified in the 300,000 wooden legs and wooden arms that have come into use in Germany in the last eight months. It is said that every one of them is made in Germany and they are the best of their kind.—Beumont Enterprise.

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### The Lusitania.

The world will not accept the plea. It will hold, farther, that this was a crime which outrages human instincts no less than it does the code of civilized warfare. Even if it carried contraband, the Lusitania was not liable to the attack that was made on it. It was liable to arrest and convoyance into a harbor. The Lusitania's passengers had incurred no liability whatever, and Germany can not plead its advertised warning to fasten on them a liability from which they were exempt by the laws of nations and the instincts of humanity. Their gravest and only fault was charity in assuming that Germany was amenable either to the injunctions of law or the restraints of civilization. The sin for which thirteen hundred men, women and children have paid the supreme penalty was in having underestimated the depth of Germany's relapse into barbarism. Germany has mocked their faith and their charity by sending them to perdition with the ruthlessness of an assassin, an assassin whose only concern was to minimize the chance of escaping the destruction that had been meditated.—Galveston News.

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### A Former Texan.

Mike Connolly, editor of the Memphis (Tenn.) News Scimitar, has been elected exalted ruler of the Memphis Lodge of Elks. Mike is a Texan, and commenced life as a telegraph operator at Paris, and he was one of the best that ever flashed the messages across the wires. From telegraphing he got into the newspaper game and for a while held an editorial position on the old Fort Worth Gazette, later going to Memphis. He has a host of oldtime friends in Texas who have watched his career with much pleasure.—Sherman Democrat.

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### Those Mermaids.

We understand that Colonel W. A. Bowen of the Arlington Journal will not attend the Texas Press Association at Corpus Christi in June for he will be required to take a plunge in the bay accompanied by a mermaid. On the other hand Major Henry E. Ellis of the Denison Herald will not attend because it is rumored he will not be allowed a mermaid to swim with. Colonel Bowen can not swim and Major Ellis can swim.—Georgetown Commercial.

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### His Chance.

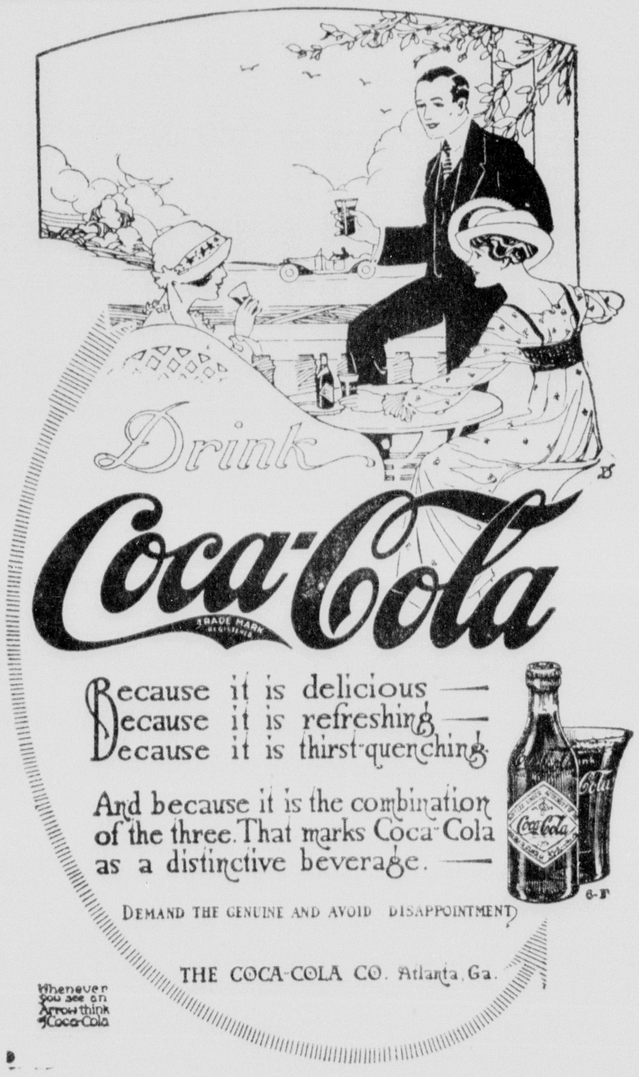
Fort Worth has a reputation for retaining some of the spirit and customs of the frontier but we hardly expected that it would submit to poker playing in the art gallery of the public library at 3:30 o'clock in the morning. Here's a chance for Chief Bailey, the college-bred director of the police force, to break up something.—Waco News.

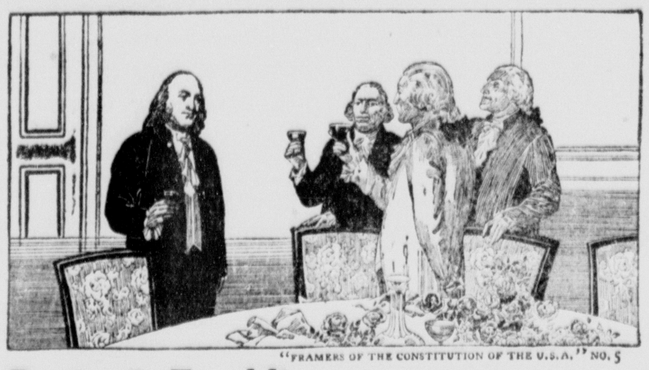
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### Same Here.

That sweet perfume that pervades the atmosphere of Eagle Pass reminds one that the truckers are harvesting the delicious Bermuda.—Eagle Pass News-Guide.

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"FRAMERS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE U.S.A." NO. 5

Benjamin Franklin—"Father of American Diplomacy"

AMERICA has never produced a greater statesman than Franklin, who was revered by the people second only to Washington. He was a signer of both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States, and his wisdom made the latter a possibility. The great Lord Chatham pronounced him not only an honor to the Anglo-Saxon people, but to human nature. In every capitol of Europe he was a welcome guest, and he it was who induced France to lend us ships, men and money during the darkest days of the Revolution. Upon his death Congress ordered a general mourning of a month. In France it was decreed that all members of the national assembly should wear mourning for three days. So long as Americans treasure the Republic and Personal Liberty as the noblest of all human blessings, the fame of Franklin can never perish. Personally he was possessed of robust health; he was a well-shaped man, of a wise but merry nature; he had the head of a Greek philosopher, while his grace, his noble bearing and winning personality made him a conspicuous figure in any assemblage of great men. He was a moderate user all his lifetime of Old Madeira and barley-malt brews. It is safe to say that he toasted the New Republic with every great man of Europe and America. Franklin considered his work in building the Constitution his greatest service to posterity. Upon the self-evident declaration of the Constitution of the United States Anheuser-Busch 58 years ago launched their gigantic institution. To-day, wherever Americans go for health, or business, or pleasure, their famed brand BUDWEISER is there. Its popularity, due to its quality, purity, mildness and exquisite flavor, has daily grown in public favor until 7500 people are constantly employed to keep pace with the ever-increasing demand.

ANHEUSER-BUSCH
ST. LOUIS, U.S.A.



*Visitors to St. Louis are courteously invited to inspect our plant—covers 142 acres.*

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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION
No. 3.

**A proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, amending Article 5, Section 2 of the Constitution of said State, so as to provide that the Supreme Court of this State shall consist of a Chief Justice and four Associate Justices, describe their qualifications, tenure of office and compensation.**

**Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:**

Section 1. That Section 2, of Article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

Section 2. The Supreme Court shall consist of a Chief Justice and four Associate Justices, any three of whom shall constitute a quorum, and the concurrence of three judges shall be necessary to the decision of a case. No person shall be eligible to the office of Chief Justice or Associate Justice of the Supreme Court unless he be at the time of his election a citizen of the United States, and of this State, and unless he shall have attained the age of thirty years, and shall have been a practicing lawyer or a Judge of a Court, or such lawyer and judge together, at least seven years. Said Chief Justice and Associate Justices shall be elected by the qualified voters of the State at a general election, shall hold their offices six years, or until their successors are elected and qualified, and shall each receive an annual salary of five thousand dollars until otherwise provided by law. In case of a vacancy in the office of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Governor shall fill the vacancy until the next general election for said officers; and at such general election the vacancy for the unexpired term shall be filled by election by the qualified voters of the State. The Judges of the Supreme Court who may be in office at the time this amendment takes effect shall continue in office until the expiration of their term of office under the present Constitution, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Immediately after the adoption of this amendment the Governor of this State shall call an election for the purpose of electing two Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, one of whom shall, when elected, hold said office for four years and one of whom, when elected shall hold said office for six years, and the question of which of them shall hold for four years and which of them hold for six years shall be determined by lot, as now provided by law.

Sec.3. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation, ordering an election to determine whether or not said Constitution amendments will be adopted, and have the same published, as required by the Constitution and the laws of this State. Said election shall be held on the fourth Saturday in July, 1915, and the sum of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00), or so much thereof as necessary, is hereby appropriated from any fund in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated to defray the expenses of printing said proclamation and of holding said election.

Jno. G. McKay,
Secretary of State

(A true copy.)

### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
No. 9.

**A joint resolution to amend Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto Section 3b, authorizing the Legislature to provide by law for the creation of a student's loan fund in each county in connection with the public schools thereof.**

**Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:**

Section 1. That Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto a new section to be known as section 3b, which shall read and be as follows, to-wit:

Sec. 3b. The Commissioners' Court of each county in this State shall have the power, and is hereby authorized, when a majority of the qualified voters of such county shall vote to create such fund, to create a fund to be known as a "Students' Loan Fund," for the purpose of enabling students of the public free schools of said county to borrow money to be used in their education for the purpose of graduating from the county public schools and after graduation to continue their education in any higher State institution of learning, such fund to be created and administered by the Commissioners' Court of each county as may be provided by law.

Sec. 2. And the Legislature may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within such county for the purpose of raising said students' loan fund, said tax not to exceed in any one year twenty cents (20c) on the one hundred dollars ($100.00) valuation of the property subject to taxation in each county; provided, that a majority of the qualified property tax paying voters of the county voting at an election to be held for that purpose shall vote such tax. Provided, that if the tax is adopted, after it has been enforced for two years, an election may be held, on the order of the commissioners' court to determine whether or not said tax shall be repealed; and provided further, that it shall be the duty of the Commissioners' Court to order such election upon a petition so to do by twenty-five per cent of the qualified tax paying voters of the county.

Sec. 3. The Legislature shall pass the necessary laws carrying into effect this provision of the Constitution.

Sec. 4. That the above and foregoing proposed amendment shall be duly published once a week for four weeks, commencing at least three (3) months before a special election to be held for the purpose of voting upon such proposed amendment, on the fourth Saturday in July, 1915, in one weekly newspaper of each county in the State of Texas, in which such newspaper may be published. And the Governor shall, and he is hereby directed, to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this proposed amendment to the qualified electors for members of the Legislature. At such election all persons favoring such amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "For the Amendments to Section 3 of Article 7 of the Constitution, adding thereto Section 3b, authorizing the Commissioners' Court to create a Students' Loan Fund," and those opposed thereto shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "Against the Amendments to Section 3 of Article 7 of the Constitution, adding thereto Section 3b, authorizing the Commissioners Court to create a Students' Loan Fund."

Sec. 5. That $5,000.00, or as much thereof as may be necessary be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of advertising and holding the election provided for above.

Jno. G. McKay,
Secretary of State

(A true copy.)

## DIXIE THEATRE BUILDING WAS CONSUMED BY FLAMES

### STRUCTURE DOOMED WHEN FIRE WAS FIRST DISCOVERED.

Systematic and Effective Work of Fireboys in Saving Adjoining and Nearby Buildings Commended.

Only the debris and the front walls of the Dixie Theatre remain standing today as a token of a disastrous fire which broke out shortly after midnight and the flames entirely consuming that structure. When the alarm of fire sounded from the fire station the building was then beyond human control to save, though the fire boys worked valiantly to save what they could. Through systematic and effective work, wherein each and every company under their foreman and chief and assistant, worked in clock work and precise order, the Elks building, the Nieto garage, the Sanitary Grocery and Convery's stable were saved from destruction. Within less than ten minutes ofter the alarm was sounded the Lone Star Hook and Ladder Co., Rescue Hose Co. No. 3 and Protection Hose Co. No. 4 were on the ground with four streams of water playing on the raging flames. One thing in favor of the fireboys was the fact that practically no wind prevailed to fan the tongues of flame, but in fighting the fire the squads encountered the most intense heat ever experienced at a fire in Laredo—the whole structure was a blazing mass and flames were leaping high in the air and from every side of the building. In the front part on Convent Avenue the fireboys got to work on the Elks Club, the cornice of which was just about to break into flame as a result of the intense heat and smoke was freely issuing therefrom. At the same time on this side another stream of water played on the Dixie Theatre building. In the rear of the Dixie a squad of fireboys extinguished the building in which Nieto has his garage, the roof of this building having ignited, and no further loss resulted there. Three automobiles were practically at the mercy of the fire at first, but these were quickly removed to safety on the plaza. Again on the south side of the Dixie the fourth squad of fireboys drenched the flames and kept them from endangering the building on the other corner. Never before was such efficient and systematic fire fighting witnessed in Laredo, for the fire department had an opportunity to show its true worth to the city last night and they unhesitatingly took advantage of it. The result is one destroyed building instead of several—and the building that is now a mass of flames had been practically consumed before the fire alarm was turned in.

At the hour of the night when the fire was discovered, about 12:40, there were very few people on the streets. Some sauntering along that way saw flames coming from the rear of the building. T. J. Johnson, undertaker for John Convery, happened along about the time that the first discovery of the fire was made and he rushed into the building and called Harry Hughes, the picture machine operator, who was asleep. At that time the whole interior of the Dixie was a mass of flames and Hughes had to hurry to get out of the building safely. He attempted to save some of the films and projecting machine, but it was too late, for the heat, smoke and flame drove him out. As Hughes came out the alarm was ringing, and at that time the entire building was ablaze. Those who first saw the flames assert that the fire started in the rear of the building, presumably on the stage or its environs. How it originated is a mystery and can only be conjectured. Mrs. Eitt, the proprietor, arrived on the scene after the fire was under control and was mortified at what had happened. She could assign no reason for the fire, except that perhaps it was the work of an incendiary. Her belief in this line is through suspicions surrounding a happening of a few nights ago. Mrs. Eitt states that about closing time a few nights ago she heard some one on the stage strike a match and went to investigate. As she entered on the stage a man, an absolute stranger, stood on the stage with an ignited match in his hand. When she asked who he was and what he wanted he threw the match down, ran to the door and leaped over the fence. Whether or not the same party fired the building last night may never be known, but circumstantial evidence looks strong.

Had the fire been discovered fifteen minutes sooner than it was there is no doubt but that considerable material in the theatre could have been saved, but as it was nothing was succored from the flames.

The water pressure last night was the best ever known in Laredo and strong, high streams of water were thrown—it was easy to throw water on the roof of the Elks building with all streams. The amount of hose laid last night presented an interesting sight, for there was practically a net work of hose running about the scene of the fire. Nearly 3,000 feet of hose was laid to accommodate the four streams of water, and the hose was laid in "hose-racing" style and almost as quick, in fact the work of the hose racing boys showed up excellently on this occasion and merited much praise and commendation for the good work done in saving adjacent buildings.

In addition to the Laredo Fire Department members, the fire squads from the Ninth Infantry Camp, consisting of nearly a hundred members of the bucket brigade, accompanied by a squad of soldiers under arms, were rushed to the scene by General Evans, the men being in charge of Captain Kinney. Upon arrival at the scene of the fire the men reported to Chief Biggio and placed themselves at his disposal, but they were not needed as the fireboys were at that time able to cope with the situation. However, the act was highly appreciated and General Evans and Captain Kinney were sincerely thanked for their proffered assistance.

Mrs. W. M. Eitt, proprietor of the Dixie Theatre, estimates her loss at $4,500, with insurance of less than $2,000. Represented in the loss was thirteen films of pictures worth about $1,300. The picture machines, piano, building, chairs, etc., represented the remainder of the loss.

## M'COY IS PUT ON THE STAND AND TELLS JURY HIS STORY

### CLAIMS HE KILLED WILLIAM BANKS IN SELF-DEFENSE.

Case is Being Hard Fought by Both Sides and Interesting Facts Are Brought Out in Testimony.

The trial of Everett McCoy, charged with the killing of Private William Banks, has developed one of the most interesting cases called in the district court in this city in some time. The counsel for the defense, J. W. Kenney and J. L. Dannelley, appointed by the court, are fighting every inch of allotted ground in behalf of their client, while District Attorney Valls is conducting the prosecution. At first it appeared that everything was against McCoy, but through his counsel facts have been brought out that have extenuating circumstances and are causing an impression to be made on the jurors.

Yesterday afternoon McCoy was put on the stand and testified in his own behalf; this morning he was recalled and reiterated testimony which he adduced yesterday. Eduardo Villareal was also put on the stand by the defense and gave testimony that somewhat mitigates the case against McCoy, for Villareal stated that Banks and him had had two encounters and that the dead man was known as a "scrapper." McCoy, in testifying, admitted killing Banks, but stated that it was done in self-defense. He said he and Banks had an altercation the evening of the killing, the quarrel starting in a certain house. McCoy said Banks kept striking at him after he had backed out of the house and gone into the yard; that after reaching the yard Banks had forced him up to the fence and then began calling to some of his comrades to come and help him, all the time trying to give McCoy a "knockout" blow. McCoy said he was "cornered," and fearing the friends of Banks would pounce upon him, he pulled his pistol, shot Banks and made his getaway.

As stated before, the case is being hard fought by both sides and there are intervals of delay caused by summoning additional witnesses to attempt to offset testimony adduced. It is probable that the trial will be concluded this afternoon and be given to the jury.

### Card of Thanks.

We wish by this means to express our sincere thanks to those kind friends and relatives, who assisted us and showed us sympathy during the illness and death of our beloved daughter, Florinda; also to those who sent flowers at the funeral.

A. Bugnoli and Family.

### Sick Headache.

Mrs. A. L. Luckie, East Rochester, N. Y., was a victim of sick headache and despondency, caused by a badly weakened and debilitated condition of her stomach, when she began taking Chamberlain's Tablets. She says, "I found them pleasant to take, also mild and effective. In a few weeks' time I was restored to my former good health." For sale by All dealers.

(Adv.)

### NEARLY WRECKED THE CART.

Barney Oldfield at Large During Fire Last Night Almost Caused Disastrous Accident at Fire.

The practice of reckless driving by automobilists during fires at a time when the attention of the firemen is on the work before them and they are not looking out for flying demons, should stop—an ordinance making such compulsory might be passed. Reckless driving is prohibited, anyhow, and the rule should be enforced especially during a big fire.

Last night a serious accident was narrowly averted on Matamoros street when someone in an auto going about fifty miles an hour came down the street. A squad of fireboys was laying the hose to the hydrant in front of the federal building when the flying car struck the hose cart being used and knocked it to one side. The firemen got out of the way to give the flying autoist the right of way.

## HICKEY FUNERAL THIS MORNING

### Large Procession Followed Remains From Home to St. Peter's Church and Thence to Grave.

A large and sorrowing procession followed the remains of Dan H. Hickey on the Heights to St. Peter's Catholic church and thence to the Catholic cemetery this morning. The funeral procession reached the church about 9 o'clock. Here a solemn and impressive funeral service was conducted by Rev. Father McLoy, after which the procession moved to the Catholic cemetery, where interment was made.

The high esteem in which the deceased was held in Laredo was mutely attested by the many beautiful floral offerings sent to the home, for here the casket rested in a mound of flowers. At the grave, mid tears and heart throbs, the remains were laid to rest and there was builded a mound bedecked with those delicate symbols of love and esteem, delicate flowers, which, too, must die and wither—symbolizing the transition of life. The pall-bearers at the funeral were the following, consisting mostly of men with whom the deceased had come in daily contact:

Frank Masterson, H. W. Johnston, James Gray, J. P. Leyendecker, M. M. Leyendecker and Charles Coleman.

From Wednesday's Daily.

## FOR FOUR HOURS ARGUMENT MADE TO JURY IN M'COY CASE

### ATTORNEY KENNEY FOR DEFENSE SPOKE FOR 2 HOURS.

J. L. Dannelley for Defense and District Attorney Vails Finished This Afternoon; Case With Jury.

The trial of Corporal Everett McCoy, charged with the killing of Private Banks, which was called in the district court here last Friday morning, and which has since occupied the attention of that tribunal, resulting in over two days being taken up in the securing of a jury, is now ended and the fate of the accused man is in the hands of twelve men who will determine his punishment. Last night a short session was held in addition to the day session and some testimony was adduced on the witness stand. Court adjourned last night until this morning, when rebuttal testimony was introduced by the state and the beginning of arguments before the jury began shortly after 10 o'clock.

For the prosecution District Attorney Valls made the opening argument, which was a strong one. For the defense J. W. Kenney made the argument, his plea for the accused man being a masterly, eloquent address that demanded close attention and created a lasting impression. This was his maiden address before a Laredo jury and it was a most inspiring and forcible one. Mr. Kenney spoke for two hours, concluding his address this afternoon, after which John L. Dannelley addressed the jury in behalf of the defendant and District Attorney Valls closed for the state. The case went to the jury at 3:30 this afternoon and it is probable a verdict will be reached before night.

In this case both sides had able counsel and the case was hard fought.

### Card of Thanks.

This is to express our heartfelt thanks to all those kind friends for their assistance and expressions of sympathy on the occasion of the occasion of the death of our beloved husband and father, the late Wm. Simpson; also to those who sent flowers at the funeral.

Mrs. Wm. Simpson and Family.

## MISS VAN BUREN'S LECTURE.

### Good Audience Listened to Interesting Talk on Civic Work Needed in Laredo.

At Elks Hall last night a good-sized audience assembled to hear Miss Maud Van Buren on the organization of a Civic League in Laredo. The lecture was illustrated with many lantern slides showing the progress made in other parts of the Union.

Miss Van Buren said that above all concerted action was necessary. As the chain is no stronger than its weakest link so the municipality is no stronger than its weakest element.

The people should work in unison with the city officials and uphold them in all their efforts for the betterment of the city. Above all, the knocker should be suppressed. If you cannot always agree with the officials as to the best method, still do do not oppose any conscientious effort that is being made.

The schools of Laredo came in for Miss Van Buren's strongest criticism. She said she had never seen anywhere the schools of a city so poorly housed. Another thing was the lack of training in domestic science and manual training. Some other studies might be dropped with advantage in order to introduce these necessary studies, which are the basis of the future manhood and womanhood.

Miss Van Buren said that many of the laws of Texas were better than the corresponding laws of other states, but that no law was a good or a useful law that was not enforced. So with the city ordinances—if there is any city ordinance that is not enforced, get it off the books; it is useless lumber.

Miss Van Buren urged the establishment of the budget system in Laredo, with a liberal allowance for the playgrounds so necessary in keeping the children off the streets. She paid a compliment to our many little plazas, and said that there was every hope for increased improvement, as well as much need for it.

A civic league composed of men, women and children will be organized in Laredo as the result of Miss Van Buren's visit, and it will co-operate in every possible way with the city officials in bettering conditions.

### Remembered the Orphans.

Last night when the feast of the fire boys was over about seventy sandwiches remained on hand and a happy thought crossed the mind of one of the boys—those sandwiches would bring joy to the orphan children at Guadalupe Orphanage. This morning early the sandwiches, packed in a box, were dispatched to the little orphans "with the compliments of the Laredo Fire Department." No more deserving ones could have been remembered on this occasion.

## FIREMEN GET CHECK FOR $100.

### Sames-Moore & Co. Show Substantial Appreciation of Work of Fireboys in Saving Their Property.

Last night at the smoker given at Firemen's Hall in honor of the Laredo Racing Team, President Richter of the fire department announced the receipt of a check for $100 from Sames-Moore & Co. as a token of appreciation of the work of the firemen in saving their property opposite the Dixie Theatre from the ravages of the flames that threatened it.

With the check came a mere notation of appreciation of the fireboys' work. It is such kindly evidences of appreciaton as that shown by Sames, Moore & Co. that subserve as a great encouragement to the fire department members.

### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 4.

A joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Texas proposing and submitting to a vote of the people of Texas an amendment to Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution, authorizing the levy and collection of a special road tax not to exceed fifty cents on the one hundred dollars of valuation of property in any county, subdivision or subdivisions, or defined district thereof, when same has been authorized by a majority of the qualified electors voting at an election held for that purpose, and making an appropriation for carrying out the provisions of this resolution.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to hereafter read as follows, to-wit:

Section 9. The State tax on property, exclusive of the tax necessary to pay the public debt, and of the taxes provided for the benefit of the public free schools, shall never exceed thirty-five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation; and no county, city or town shall levy more than twenty-five cents for city or county purposes, and not exceeding fifteen cents for roads and bridges, and not exceeding fifteen cents to pay jurors, on the one hundred dollar valuation, except for the payment of debts incurred prior to the adoption of the amendment, September 25, 1883; and for the erection of public buildings, streets, sewers, water works and other permanent improvements, not to exceed one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation in any one year, and except as is in this Constitution otherwise provided; and the Legislature may also authorize an additional annual ad valorem tax to be levied and collected for the further building and maintenance of the public roads; provided, that a majority of the qualified property tax paying voters of the county or of any political subdivision or subdivisions of the county, or of any defined district now or hereafter to be described and defined within any county, who has been assessed a property tax and paid said tax for the next year prior to the time he offers to vote, voting at an election held for that purpose, shall vote such tax, not to exceed fifty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of property subject to taxation in such county, political subdivision or subdivisions, or described or defined district. And the Legislature may pass local laws for the maintenance of the public roads and highways, without the local notice required for special or local laws.

Sec. 2. The foregoing amendment to Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution of Texas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of this State for adoption or rejection at an election to be held on the fourth Saturday in the month of July, 1915. All voters on this proposed amendment at said election who favor its adoption shall have printed or written on their ballots the following: "For amendment to Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution, authorizing the levy and collection of a special road tax not to exceed fifty cents on the hundred dollars valuation or property in any county, subdivision or subdivisions, or defined district thereof, when same has been authorized by a majority of the qualified electors at an election held for that purpose." Those voting against its adoption shall have written or printed on their ballots the following: "Against the amendment to Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution, authorizing the levy and collection of a special road tax not to exceed fifty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of property in any county, subdivision or subdivisions, or defined district thereof, when same has been authorized by a majority of the qualified electors at an election held for that purpose.

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue his necessary proclamation ordering this election, and have same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State. The sum of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated to defray the expenses of publishing and proclamation and printing of tickets and necessary blanks to use in said election.

John G. McKay,
Secretary of State.

(A true copy.)

### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 1.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 2, of Article 6, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto a provision authorizing a qualified voter to vote for State officers, or on any proposition submitted to the voters of this State in a precinct other than the precinct of his residence under certain conditions, and making an appropriation therefor.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 2, of Article 6, of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

Sec. 2. Every male person subject to none of the foregoing disqualifications, who shall have attained the age of twenty-one years, and who shall be a citizen of the United States, and who shall have resided in this State one year next preceding an election, and the last six months within the district or county in which he offers to vote, shall be deemed a qualified elector, and every male person of foreign birth, subject to none of the foregoing disqualifications, who shall have become a citizen of the United States in accordance with the Federal naturalization laws, and shall have resided in this State one year next preceding such election and the last six months in the county in which he offers to vote, shall also be deemed a qualified elector; and all electors shall vote in the election precinct of their residence; provided, that electors living in any unorganized county may vote at any election precinct in the county to which such county is attached for judicial purposes; and providing further, that any voter who is subject to pay a poll tax under the laws of the State of Texas shall have paid said tax before he offers to vote at any election in this State, and holds a receipt showing his poll tax paid before the first day of February next preceding such election. Or, if said voter shall have lost or misplaced said tax receipt, he shall be entitled to vote upon making affidavit before any officer authorized to administer oaths that such tax receipt has been lost. Such affidavit shall be made in writing and left with the judge of the election. If any qualified voter in this State shall have personally paid his poll tax in the county and precinct of his residence, or secured an exemption certificate showing that he is exempt from paying a poll tax, he shall be permitted to vote in the county in which he may be on election day on any proposition which may have been submitted to the voters of the entire State, and for any office to be filled by the voters of the entire State; also for members of either branch of the Legislature and Congress and judicial officials; provided, no voter shall vote for members of either branch of the Legislature, Congress, or judicial officials outside of the legislature, congressional or judicial district of such voter's residence, and nothing herein shall permit a voter to vote at any place other than his residence, if he be within the county of his residence on election day. Any person offering to vote in any county other than the county of his residence shall deliver to the election managers his poll tax receipt or exemption certificate, who shall retain same until the following day, and then mail same to the person depositing same to any address he may name; and in addition to depositing the poll tax receipt or exemption certificate, such person so offering to vote shall make an affidavit;

(1) That he is absent from home, and it will be impossible for him to return to the precinct of his residence in time to vote; (2) that he has not voted at any other election precinct on that day, and will not offer to vote at any other precinct in this State; (3) that he personally paid his poll tax within the time provided by law, or personally secured the certificate of his exemption from the payment of a poll tax.

Sec. 3. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors for members of the Legislature at an election to be held throughout the State of Texas on the fourth Saturday in July, 1915, the same being the twenty-fourth day of July, 1915, and the Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election, and to have same published, as required by the Constitution and laws of this State. Those favoring the amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: "For amendment to Section 2, of Article 6, of the Constitution, authorizing qualified voters to vote in precincts other than the precinct of their residence under certain conditions." Those opposing the amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: "Against amendment to Section 2, of Article 6, of the Constitution, authorizing qualified voters to vote in precincts other than the precinct of their residence under certain conditions."

Sec. 4. No Legislation shall be necessary to put into effect this article of the Constitution, but when adopted same shall be self-enacting.

Sec. 5. The sum of five thousand ($5,000.00) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of such proclamation, publication and election.

John G. McKay,
Secretary of State.

(A true copy.)

### Sick Headache.

Mrs. A. L. Luckie, East Rochester, N. Y., was a victim of sick headache and despondency, caused by a badly weakened and debilitated condition of her stomach, when she began taking Chamberlain's Tablets. She says, "I found them pleasant to take, also mild and effective. In a few weeks' time I was restored to my former good health." For sale by All dealers.

(Adv.)

## SPORTING NOTES.

The Bi-State League opened yesterday, with Elgin replacing Rockford on the circuit. Rockford has gone into the Three I circuit.

When Mike Gibbons and Leo Houch clash in New York on the 26th, the scramble for the middleweight title will be on. Ahearn, Clabby and Jeff Smith are also contenders.

The make-up of the Ohio State League, which opens today, is as follows: Frankfort, Ky., Portsmouth, Ironton, Chillicothe, Lexington, Ky., and Charleston, W. Va.

A Bunch of foreign cyclists will reach New York today, to compete against American riders at the new Sheepshead Bay Velodrome. Among the visitors is Torwalds Ellergard, the Dane, who holds six world's championships.

Another league which got under way yesterday is the four-club "Kitty" League, composed of Owensboro, Henderson, Paducah and Cairo.

The Welsh-Wolgast bout, several times postponed, is now set for next Tuesday night at Milwaukee.

The spring college meets will keep the tracks busy at many points next Saturday. The biggest duel is that between Harvard and Yale.

### Whooping Cough.

"About a year ago my three boys had whooping cough and I found Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the only one that would relieve their coughing and whooping spells. I continued this treatment and was surprised to find that it cured the disease in a very short time," writes Mrs. Archie Dalrymple, Crooksville, Ohio. For sale by all dealers.

(Adv.)

## PERSONALS

John L. George, Esq., an attorney from Corpus Christi, arrived in Laredo yesterday afternoon on a short business trip.

Vicente Lozano, a prominent merchant of Corpus Christi, arrived in Laredo yesterday on a short business trip.

D. D. Davis of Dolores arrived in the city yesterday to take his seat in the meeting of the county cimmissioners court. He is stopping at the Bender.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Delling of Dolores are guests at the Hamilton.

ROSS:—A. F. Hiatt, W. L. Darley, San Antonio; Ben. Asher, Houston; R. Galindo, San Antonio; W. C. Hilf, St. Louis, Mo.; Manuel Elizondo, Monterrey; E. N. Conover, Orange, New Jersey.

BENDER:—M. H. McCulluch, Jr., Houston; John J. Sharrow, E. S. Holaday, San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Barber, San Benito; E. J. Caveleer, San Antonio; Thos. Frawley, Houston; Chas. F. Bielhauwe, San Antonio; M. G. Allen, New York; H. Bonell, Houston; C. B. Wallace, Corpus Christi; S. M. Meeks, San Antonio; D. D. Davis, Dolores; Fred B. Smith, San Antonio.

HAMILTON:—Mrs. Jack Fairbanks, Webb; T. J. Woody, St. Louis, Mo.; Geo. Crank, E. J. Piatt, Jno. A. Fink, C. C. Hackenjos, San Antonio; M. G. Delling and wife, Dolores; O. F. Lehman, San Antonio; M. H. Mussett, Dallas; A. C. Christopher, Houston; Press Nichols, San Antonio; L. C. Doney, White Point; T. H. Shelton, Rio Grande; Guy Patterson, Boston; T. J. Davidson, New Orleans; Mrs. J. Schwartz, Electra; John D. Weid, Cleveland, Ohio; L. J. Warner, Dallas; H. Hammann, Dallas.

### Elected Officers for Year.

Yesterday at the home of its president, the Tuesday Music and Literary Club held its regular meeting. During the business session the election of the officers for the coming year was held, and the officers elected were as follows:

President, Mrs. J. H. Davis; 1st vice-president, Mrs. H. W. Johnston; 2nd vice-president and parliamentarian, Mrs. A. C. Richter; secretary, Miss Mary Sames; treasurer, Mrs. W. B. Heaner; press reporter, Mrs. J. W. Brewster.

After the election of officers and other business was disposed of, Mrs. H. W. Johnston lead a most delightful program on the poet John Keats. This program consisted of excellent papers on the various types of Keats' poetry, also of the reading of some of his typical works. The club members all rejoice that Mrs. J. H. Davis, their beloved and efficient president, was unanimously re-elected to serve next year, and all look forward to another year of even greater prosperity under her guidance than the club has yet enjoyed.

### A Sluggish Liver Needs Attention.

Let your Liver get torpid and you are in for a spell of misery. Everybody gets an attack now and then. Thousands of people keep their Livers active and healthy by using Dr. King's New Life Pills. Fine for the Stomach, too. Stop the Dizziness, Constipation, Biliousness and Indigestion. Clear the blood. Only 25c. at Your Druggist.

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## THE FIRE QUEEN CONTEST.

### Will Probably Be Launched Next Week and a Lively Race is Promised From Beginning to Close.

An Important postponed monthly meeting of the Laredo Fire Department will be held at Fireman's Hall tomorrow night, which every member of the organization should attend, as business of vital importance will come up, including the arrangements for the election of a fire queen, hose racing contests next month and other matters.

Interest is already aroused in the fire queen contest, as the young lady being honored with election will next May play an important part in the work of the racing teams going to the state firemen's convention and probably accompany the Laredo crowd going to New Braunfels. Each ward company will have candidates in the race.

It is the intention to start the fire queen contest next week and end it prior to June 9, when the coronation of the successful candidate will take place. On the day of the coronation there will also be hose races, both reel and Paris rule, between about ten teams of local firemen and two teams from the Ninth Infantry Camp. The Netzer cup will be competed for by the ward company teams, while there will also probably be several cash prizes offered.

### Your Child's Cough is a Call for Help.

Don't put off treating your Child's Cough. It not only saps their strength, but often leads to more serious ailments. Why risk? You don't have to. Dr. King's New Discovery is just the remedy your Child needs. It is made with soothing, healing and antiseptic balsams. Will quickly check the Cold and soothe your Child's Cough away. No odds how bad the Cough or how long standing, Dr. King's New Discovery will stop it. It's guaranteed. Just get a bottle from your Druggist and try it.

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# WILSON'S NOTE TO GERMANY IS SHARP ALTHOUGH RETAINING FRIENDLY TONE

## Asks for Germany Accounting for Series of German Violations of American Rights in War Zone, Not Only Financial but Moral Accounting, and Demands Guarantees of No Further Unlawful Practices.

### VILLA CLAIMS VICTORY.

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 12.—The Villa agency here claims that Villa has defeated and disorganized Obregon's army. The Carranza flatly denies this. There are no official advices.

### APPROPRIATIONS PASSED.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, May 12.—The senate today passed finally the bill appropriating over four millions for eleemosynary institutions, and adopted a resolution calling for sworn statement of all prison system finances.

### OPENING OF ITALIAN PARLIAMENT.

Rome, May 12.—The reopening today of the Chamber of Deputies is considered a highly important event, in view of the international situation as regards Italy's possible entry into the European War. It is considered in some quarters quite possible that intervention may be announced, although, according to the constitution, the King is entitled to declare war. If the war question is thrown into the Chamber, a quick decision is expected, and prompt measures will be adopted for financing on a war basis.

### NOTABLES TALK ON WORLD PEACE METHODS.

Cleveland, O., May 12.—Eminent American church leaders, deep thinkers on government and international law, and advocates of permanent world peace gathered here today for a conference. Former President William H. Taft will deliver the opening address tonight, following the welcoming addresses of the Governor and the Mayor. Judge Alton B. Parker will also speak tonight, and both be and Prof. Taft will have for their subject "The United States Supreme Court, the Prototype of the World Court." The conference will continue tomorrow and Friday, and the speakers include Cardinal Gibbons, Senator Y. Sherman of Illinois, Bishop Luther B. Wilson, Rabbi Joseph Silverman, John Mitchell, Bainbridge Colby and Prof. Jeremiah Jenks. The conference will consider all suggestions for the establishment of a supreme court of the world for settling international disputes and avoiding war. All reference to the present European War will be omitted, but the thinkers of America will give their views with the hope that the idea will be taken up universally after the close of the present conflict.

### CHARITY LEADERS DISCUSS SOCIAL PROBLEMS.

Baltimore, Md., May 12.—The largest charity convention in the history of the United States is that which opened here this morning. For eight days the big convention will take up in succession the problems that are today faced by charity and social workers. More communities, organizations and private charity work is represented this year than ever before, and the speakers secured will cover the phases of charity work far better, it is expected, than ever before.

Among the questions to be considered at the conference are unemployment, inebriety, the curriculum for schools for social workers, outdoor relief, illegitimacy, the social evil, the relation between public and private charities, and feeble-mindedness.

Reports from the charity workers who arrived today show that they have had to face during the past winter serious questions in relation to the relief of destitution, unemployment, care of children, public sanitation and kindred problems, many of which are incident to bad industrial conditions. These workers, as well as public officials and benefactors are feeling the necessity of getting together in formulation of some plan for better co-operation of all facilities in similar emergencies.

For the second time in its history of 42 years, a woman is presiding. She is Mrs. Mary Wilcox Glenn of New York, wife of the director of the Russell Sage Foundation.

### Entertained at Bridge.

Yesterday afternoon at the home of her sister, Mrs. Agnes D. Huberich on Matamoros street, Mrs. Max Deutz of San Antonio entertained a number of friends at bridge, five tables being used to accommodate those participating. The prize winners were: High score prize, cutglass fern dish, won by Mrs. W. N. Young; second high score, tea set, won by Mrs. C. M. Fish; consolation, hand-embroidered towel, Mrs. S. M. Barlow. Delicious refreshments were served during the afternoon.

By Associated Press.

Washington. May 12.—President Wilson's note to Germany on the Lusitania incident is completed. Drastic action to force Germany to stop "unlawful practices of submarines" will be taken if necessary, but this first note will probably only set forth the demands of the United States. The note asks Germany to account for the series of violations of American rights in the war zone, not only a financial but a moral accounting, and to guarantee that there will be no unlawful practices of submarines. The note does not say exactly what the course of the United States will be in the event of a refusal, nor would Wilson's advisers indicate, except to say that each step would be considered as made. In official quarters, however, it was said that severance of diplomatic relations is possible if there is no abatement of the German practices. The president realizes fully the gravity of the note and is prepared for any eventualities resulting.

The note's final details were revised today and it probably will go to Germany tonight or tomorrow. The cabinet members favoring a vigorous foreign policy are satisfied with the note. The conservative cabinet members are also satisfied. The cabinet is unanimous that it upholds the dignity and honor of the United States. The note was written Sunday before the Philadelphia speech.

The note does not reflect the pacific utterances of the Philadelphia speech. Today's note, although firm, does not abandon the tone of friendliness for the German people. As to forewarnings to the Lusitania passengers, the note said that the notice of an intention to commit an unlawful act did not justify that act.

### War Fever Growing.

Rome, May 12.—The war fever in Italy is growing. Troops were called out last night to disperse a great crowd parading the principal streets, shouting against Austria and against the peace party. They tried to storm the residence of the Italian peace party leader, Giolitti. There were similar demonstrations in the larger towns throughout the country.

### Anti-German Riots.

London, May 12.—Anti-German riots in the East End of London were renewed today despite police protection. Whenever a German appeared he was attacked.

### Senator William's Idea.

Jackson, Miss., May 12.—Senator John Sharp Williams said today: "If I were president I would mobilize the fleet and demand of Germany not only apology and indemnity but an assurance that such an incident would not be repeated."

### Last Austrian Proposal.

Rome, May 12.—What is considered the last definite proposal of Austria on territorial concessions to Italy reached the Italian government today. The cabinet met immediately.

### Momentous Phase Begun.

London, May 12.—The progress of the allies' offensive in Flanders and North France causes the hope here that one of the really momentous phases of the war is now in progress. Berlin recognizes the importance of this battle. German papers say it is the beginning of the long-awaited French offensive. German troops rushed to the front this far have apparently failed to check the allies' northward sweep from Arras. The Germans assert that they are making progress against the British, but General French denies it. In the East the Germans claim that the victory is continuing in Galicia.

### Panic on Italian Border.

London, May 12.—A Lugano, Switzerland, despatch says that a panic is occurring on the Italian border and that several thousand Italians are trying to return to Italy.

### DIOCESE IS FIFTY YEARS OLD.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 12.—The fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the Pittsburg diocese of the Episcopal Church will be celebrated by church leaders here tonight, led by Bishop Cortlandt Whitehead. The services will be held in Christ Church, which is the only church now standing as it was without alteration 50 years ago.

### Card of Thanks.

We take this method of returning our sincere thanks and appreciation to those good friends who came to our assistance during the last days and death of our husband, father and brother, Dan H. Hickey, and rendered every aid within human power, and who, when the time came when Death invaded our home and our loved one was called from us, sent beautiful floral tributes. All these kind acts will linger imperishable in our memories.

Mrs. Dan H. Hickey and Family.

### GIBSON BILL IS UP.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Tex., May 12.—The Gibson bill to amend the Robertson insurance law is up in the house today. Representative Baker and fifty others offered an amendment to strike out the enacting clause of the bill. Thereupon a debate began on the merits of the bill. The house was still debating when it recessed until afternoon.

### AUCTION BIG COAL TRACTS TODAY.

Danville, Ill., May 12.—An auction sale of vast holdings of coal lands purchased by the Dering Coal Company from the late Michael Kelly and others in this section of Illinois, will be held today at the Federal building, in order that debts of the company, amounting to $6,000,000 may be liquidated. The Dering company, which has headquarters in Chicago, acquired big holdings ten years ago. Several years ago it went into bankruptcy, being unable to pay a mortgage and other debts.

### OPEN BIG ART CONVENTION.

Washington, May 12.—The annual convention of the American Federation of Arts opens here today, and in attendance are representatives of many art associations and museums all over the country and by celebrities in the real of American art. Robert de Rofest, president of the organization, will preside during the three days of the convention. Henry White will today speak on the value of art to a nation, and other speakers are Edwin H. Blashfield, Cecelia Beaux, George Leland Hunter, Louise Connolly, Walter Scott Perry, Lloyd Warren, and others. This afternoon Mrs. Larz will tender a reception to the visitors. Art in the colleges, in the schools, in industry and in every day life will be topics of the speakers during the convention sessions.

### NATIONAL CONGRESS OF MOTHERS.

Portland, Ore., May 12.—The National Congress of Mothers, which opens today in this city has brought large delegations from many sections of America. Governor Withycombe will welcome the women to Oregon this afternoon, Mayor Albee will speak, and Mrs. Aristene Felts, president of the Oregon Congress, will welcome the visitors in the name of the women of the state. Mrs. Frederick Schoff of Philadelphia, president of the National Congress, will preside and will deliver her annual address. Tomorrow a discussion on children, the home, the church, the school, and the government will bring forth many prominent speakers. The sessions will extend until Friday afternoon.

### ENGINEERS PLAN NEW FIGHT.

Cleveland, O., May 12.—Nearly a thousand delegates were present when the convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers opened here today. The engineers from the west were in no happy mood, and roasted the big arbitration at Chicago which resulted in scant recognition of their demands against the western railways. It was freely stated that the convention will authorize preparations for a renewal of the battle for higher wages and better working conditions on the 48 western roads involved. The decision of the arbitrators is to hold for one ear, but at that time insistent demands will be made.

One of the interesting points of the international convention is whether the railroad workers of the east will stand by the declaration of the western engineers that Charles Nagel of the federal board of mediation was unfit for service as a mediator becaues of his trusteeship of an estate which owns railroad stocks.

### COMPENSATING VIRTUES.

Senator Money of Mississippi asked an old colored man what breed of chickens he considered best and he replied:

"All kinds has merits. De w'ite ones is de easiest to find, but de black ones is de easiest to hide after you gits 'em."—Tit-Bits.

### Whooping Cough.

Well—everybody knows the effect of Pine Forests on Coughs. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is a remedy which brings quick relief for Whooping Cough, loosens the mucus, soothes the lining of the throat and lungs, and makes the coughing spells less severe. A family with growing children should not be without it. Keep it handy for all Coughs and Colds. 25c. at Your Druggist.

(Adv.)

From Wednesday's Daily.

## FOR FOUR HOURS ARGUMENT MADE TO JURY IN M'COY CASE

### ATTORNEY KENNEY FOR DEFENSE SPOKE FOR 2 HOURS.

J. L. Dannelley for Defense and District Attorney Valls Finished This Afternoon; Case With Jury.

The trial of Corporal Everett McCoy, charged with the killing of Private Banks, which was called in the district court here last Friday morning, and which has since occupied the attention of that tribunal, resulting in over two days being taken up in the securing of a jury, is now ended and the fate of the accused man is in the hands of twelve men who will determine his punishment. Last night a short session was held in addition to the day session and some testimony was adduced on the witness stand. Court adjourned last night until this morning, when rebuttal testimony was introduced by the state and the beginning of arguments before the jury began shortly after 10 o'clock.

For the prosecution District Attorney Valls made the opening argument, which was a strong one. For the defense J. W. Kenney made the argument, his plea for the accused man being a masterly, eloquent address that demanded close attention and created a lasting impression. This was his maiden address before a Laredo jury and it was a most inspiring and forcible one. Mr. Kenney spoke for two hours, concluding his address this afternoon after which John L. Dannelley addressed the jury in behalf of the defendant and District Attorney Valls closed for the state. The case went to the jury at 3:30 this afternoon and it is probable a verdict will be reached before night.

In this case both sides had able counsel and the case was hard fought.

### Card of Thanks.

This is to express our heartfelt thanks to all those kind friends for their assistance and expressions of sympathy on the occasion of the occasion of the death of our beloved husband and father, the late Wm. Simpson; also to those who sent flowers at the funeral.

Mrs. Wm. Simpson and Family.

## MISS VAN BUREN'S LECTURE.

### Good Audience Listened to Interesting Talk on Civic Work Needed in Laredo.

At Elks Hall last night a good-sized audience assembled to hear Miss Maud Van Buren on the organization of a Civic League in Laredo. The lecture was illustrated with many lantern slides showing the progress made in other parts of the Union.

Miss Van Buren said that above all concerted action was necessary. As the chain is no stronger than its weakest link so the municipality is no stronger than its weakest element.

The people should work in unison with the city officials and uphold them in all their efforts for the betterment of the city. Above all, the knocker should be suppressed. If you cannot always agree with the officials as to the best method, still do do not oppose any conscientious effort that is being made.

The schools of Laredo came in for Miss Van Buren's strongest criticism. She said she had never seen anywhere the schools of a city so poorly housed. Another thing was the lack of training in domestic science and manual training. Some other studies might be dropped with advantage in order to introduce these necessary studies, which are the basis of the future manhood and womanhood.

Miss Van Buren said that many of the laws of Texas were better than the corresponding laws of other states, but that no law was a good or a useful law that was not enforced. So with the city ordinances—if there is any city ordinance that is not enforced, get it off the books; it is useless lumber.

Miss Van Buren urged the establishment of the budget system in Laredo, with a liberal allowance for the playgrounds so necessary in keeping the children off the streets. She paid a compliment to our many little plazas, and said that there was every hope for increased improvement, as well as much need for it.

A civic league composed of men, women and children will be organized in Laredo as the result of Miss Van Buren's visit, and it will co-operate in every possible way with the city officials in bettering conditions.

### Remembered the Orphans.

Last night when the feast of the fire boys was over about seventy sandwiches remained on hand and a happy thought crossed the mind of one of the boys—those sandwiches would bring joy to the orphan children at Guadalupe Orphanage. This morning early the sandwiches, packed in a box, were dispatched to the little orphans "with the compliments of the Laredo Fire Department." No more deserving ones could have been remembered on this occasion.

## FIREMEN GET CHECK FOR $100.

### Sames-Moore & Co. Show Substantial Appreciation of Work of Fireboys in Saving Their Property.

Last night at the smoker given at Firemen's Hall in honor of the Laredo Racing Team, President Richter of the fire department announced the receipt of a check for $100 from Sames-Moore & Co. as a token of appreciation of the work of the firemen in saving their property opposite the Dixie Theatre from the ravages of the flames that threatened it.

With the check came a mere notation of appreciation of the fireboys' work. It is such kindly evidences of appreciaton as that shown by Sames, Moore & Co. that subserve as a great encouragement to the fire department members.

### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 4.

A joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Texas proposing and submitting to a vote of the people of Texas an amendment to Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution, authorizing the levy and collection of a special road tax not to exceed fifty cents on the one hundred dollars of valuation of property in any county, subdivision or subdivisions, or defined district thereof, when same has been authorized by a majority of the qualified electors voting at an election held for that purpose, and making an appropriation for carrying out the provisions of this resolution.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to hereafter read as follows, to-wit:

Section 9. The State tax on property, exclusive of the tax necessary to pay the public debt, and of the taxes provided for the benefit of the public free schools, shall never exceed thirty-five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation; and no county, city or town shall levy more than twenty-five cents for city or county purposes, and not exceeding fifteen cents for roads and bridges, and not exceeding fifteen cents to pay jurors, on the one hundred dollar valuation, except for the payment of debts incurred prior to the adoption of the amendment, September 25, 1883; and for the erection of public buildings, streets, sewers, water works and other permanent improvements, not to exceed one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation in any one year, and except as is in this Constitution otherwise provided; and the Legislature may also authorize an additional annual ad valorem tax to be levied and collected for the further building and maintenance of the public roads; provided, that a majority of the qualified property tax paying voters of the county or of any political subdivision or subdivisions of the county, or of any defined district now or hereafter to be described and defined within any county, who has been assessed a property tax and paid said tax for the next year prior to the time he offers to vote, voting at an election held for that purpose, shall vote such tax, not to exceed fifty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of property subject to taxation in such county, political subdivision or subdivisions, or described or defined district. And the Legislature may pass local laws for the maintenance of the public roads and highways, without the local notice required for special or local laws.

Sec. 2. The foregoing amendment to Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution of Texas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of this State for adoption or rejection at an election to be held on the fourth Saturday in the month of July, 1915. All voters on this proposed amendment at said election who favor its adoption shall have printed or written on their ballots the following: "For amendment to Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution, authorizing the levy and collection of a special road tax not to exceed fifty cents on the hundred dollars valuation or property in any county, subdivision or subdivisions, or defined district thereof, when same has been authorized by a majority of the qualified electors at an election held for that purpose." Those voting against its adoption shall have written or printed on their ballots the following: "Against the amendment to Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution, authorizing the levy and collection of a special road tax not to exceed fifty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of property in any county, subdivision or subdivisions, or defined district thereof, when same has been authorized by a majority of the qualified electors at an election held for that purpose.

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue his necessary proclamation ordering this election, and have same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State. The sum of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated to defray the expenses of publishing and proclamation and printing of tickets and necessary blanks to use in said election.

John G. McKay,
Secretary of State.

(A true copy.)

### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 1.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 2, of Article 6, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto a provision authorizing a qualified voter to vote for State officers, or on any proposition submitted to the voters of this State in a precinct other than the precinct of his residence under certain conditions, and making an appropriation therefor.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 2, of Article 6, of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

Sec. 2. Every male person subject to none of the foregoing disqualifications, who shall have attained the age of twenty-one years, and who shall be a citizen of the United States, and who shall have resided in this State one year next preceding an election, and the last six months within the district or county in which he offers to vote, shall be deemed a qualified elector, and every male person of foreign birth, subject to none of the foregoing disqualifications, who shall have become a citizen of the United States in accordance with the Federal naturalization laws, and shall have resided in this State one year next preceding such election and the last six months in the county in which he offers to vote, shall also be deemed a qualified elector; and all electors shall vote in the election precinct of their residence; provided, that electors living in any unorganized county may vote at any election precinct in the county to which such county is attached for judicial purposes; and providing further, that any voter who is subject to pay a poll tax under the laws of the State of Texas shall have paid said tax before he offers to vote at any election in this State, and holds a receipt showing his poll tax paid before the first day of February next preceding such election. Or, if said voter shall have lost or misplaced said tax receipt, he shall be entitled to vote upon making affidavit before any officer authorized to administer oaths that such tax receipt has been lost. Such affidavit shall be made in writing and left with the judge of the election. If any qualified voter in this State shall have personally paid his poll tax in the county and precinct of his residence, or secured an exemption certificate showing that he is exempt from paying a poll tax, he shall be permitted to vote in the county in which he may be on election day on any proposition which may have been submitted to the voters of the entire State, and for any office to be filled by the voters of the entire State; also for members of either branch of the Legislature and Congress and judicial officials; provided, no voter shall vote for members of either branch of the Legislature, Congress, or judicial officials outside of the legislature, congressional or judicial district of such voter's residence, and nothing herein shall permit a voter to vote at any place other than his residence, if he be within the county of his residence on election day. Any person offering to vote in any county other than the county of his residence shall deliver to the election managers his poll tax receipt or exemption certificate, who shall retain same until the following day, and then mail same to the person depositing same to any address he may name; and in addition to depositing the poll tax receipt or exemption certificate, such person so offering to vote shall make an affidavit;

(1) That he is absent from home, and it will be impossible for him to return to the precinct of his residence in time to vote; (2) that he has not voted at any other election precinct on that day, and will not offer to vote at any other precinct in this State; (3) that he personally paid his poll tax within the time provided by law, or personally secured the certificate of his exemption from the payment of a poll tax.

Sec. 3. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors for members of the Legislature at an election to be held throughout the State of Texas on the fourth Saturday in July, 1915, the same being the twenty-fourth day of July, 1915, and the Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election, and to have same published, as required by the Constitution and laws of this State. Those favoring the amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: "For amendment to Section 2, of Article 6, of the Constitution, authorizing qualified voters to vote in precincts other than the precinct of their residence under certain conditions." Those opposing the amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: "Against amendment to Section 2, of Article 6, of the Constitution, authorizing qualified voters to vote in precincts other than the precinct of their residence under certain conditions."

Sec. 4. No Legislation shall be necessary to put into effect this article of the Constitution, but when adopted same shall be self-enacting.

Sec. 5. The sum of five thousand ($5,000.00) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of such proclamation, publication and election.

John G. McKay,
Secretary of State.

(A true copy.)

### Sick Headache.

Mrs. A. L. Luckie, East Rochester, N. Y., was a victim of sick headache and despondency, caused by a badly weakened and debilitated condition of her stomach, when she began taking Chamberlain's Tablets. She says, "I found them pleasant to take, also mild and effective. In a few weeks' time I was restored to my former good health." For sale by All dealers. •

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## SPORTING NOTES.

The Bi-State League opened yesterday, with Elgin replacing Rockford on the circuit. Rockford has gone into the Three I circuit.

When Mike Gibbons and Leo Houch clash in New York on the 26th, the scramble for the middleweight title will be on. Ahearn, Clabby and Jeff Smith are also contenders.

The make-up of the Ohio State League, which opens today, is as follows: Frankfort, Ky., Portsmouth, Ironton, Chillicothe, Lexington, Ky., and Charleston, W. Va.

A Bunch of foreign cyclists will reach New York today, to compete against American riders at the new Sheepshead Bay Velodrome. Among the visitors is Torwalds Ellergard, the Dane, who holds six world's championships.

Another league which got under way yesterday is the four-club "Kitty" League, composed of Owensboro, Henderson, Paducah and Cairo.

The Welsh-Wolgast bout, several times postponed, is now set for next Tuesday night at Milwaukee.

The spring college meets will keep the tracks busy at many points next Saturday. The biggest duel is that between Harvard and Yale.

### Whooping Cough.

"About a year ago my three boys had whooping cough and I found Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the only one that would relieve their coughing and whooping spells. I continued this treatment and was surprised to find that it cured the disease in a very short time," writes Mrs. Archie Dalrymple, Crooksville, Ohio. For sale by all dealers. •

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## PERSONALS

John L. George, Esq., an attorney from Corpus Christi, arrived in Laredo yesterday afternoon on a short business trip.

Vicente Lozano, a prominent merchant of Corpus Christi, arrived in Laredo yesterday on a short business trip.

D. D. Davis of Dolores arrived in the city yesterday to take his seat in the meeting of the county cimmissioners court. He is stopping at the Bender.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Delling of Dolores are guests at the Hamilton.

ROSS:—A. F. Hiatt, W. L. Darley, San Antonio; Ben. Asher, Houston; R. Galindo, San Antonio; W. C. Hilf, St. Louis, Mo.; Manuel Elizondo, Monterrey; E. N. Conover, Orange, New Jersey.

BENDER:—M. H. McCulluch, Jr., Houston; John J. Sharrow, E. S. Holaday, San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Barber, San Benito; E. J. Caveleer, San Antonio; Thos. Frawley, Houston; Chas. F. Bielhauwe, San Antonio; M. G. Allen, New York; H. Bonell, Houston; C. B. Wallace, Corpus Christi; S. M. Meeks, San Antonio; D. D. Davis, Dolores; Fred B. Smith, San Antonio.

HAMILTON:—Mrs. Jack Fairbanks, Webb; T. J. Woody, St. Louis, Mo.; Geo. Crank, E. J. Platt, Jno. A. Fink, C. C. Hackenjos, San Antonio; M. G. Delling and wife, Dolores; O. F. Lehman, San Antonio; M. H. Mussett, Dallas; A. C. Christopher, Houston; Press Nichols, San Antonio; L. C. Doney, White Point; T. H. Shelton, Rio Grande; Guy Patterson, Boston; T. J. Davidson, New Orleans; Mrs. J. Schwartz, Electra; John D. Weid, Cleveland, Ohio; L. J. Warner, Dallas; H. Hammann, Dallas.

### Elected Officers for Year.

Yesterday at the home of its president, the Tuesday Music and Literary Club held its regular meeting. During the business session the election of the officers for the coming year was held, and the officers elected were as follows:

President, Mrs. J. H. Davis; 1st vice-president, Mrs. H. W. Johnston; 2nd vice-president and parliamentarian, Mrs. A. C. Richter; secretary, Miss Mary Sames; treasurer, Mrs. W. B. Heaner; press reporter, Mrs. J. W. Brewster.

After the election of officers and other business was disposed of, Mrs. H. W. Johnston lead a most delightful program on the poet John Keats. This program consisted of excellent papers on the various types of Keats' poetry, also of the reading of some of his typical works. The club members all rejoice that Mrs. J. H. Davis, their beloved and efficient president, was unanimously re-elected to serve next year, and all look forward to another year of even greater prosperity under her guidance than the club has yet enjoyed.

### A Sluggish Liver Needs Attention.

Let your Liver get torpid and you are in for a spell of misery. Everybody gets an attack now and then. Thousands of people keep their Livers active and healthy by using Dr. King's New Life Pills. Fine for the Stomach, too. Stop the Dizziness, Constipation, Biliousness and Indigestion. Clear the blood. Only 25c. at Your Druggist. •

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## THE FIRE QUEEN CONTEST.

### Will Probably Be Launched Next Week and a Lively Race is Promised From Beginning to Close.

An Important postponed monthly meeting of the Laredo Fire Department will be held at Fireman's Hall tomorrow night, which every member of the organization should attend, as business of vital importance will come up, including the arrangements for the election of a fire queen, hose racing contests next month and other matters.

Interest is already aroused in the fire queen contest, as the young lady being honored with election will next May play an important part in the work of the racing teams going to the state firemen's convention and probably accompany the Laredo crowd going to New Braunfels. Each ward company will have candidates in the race.

It is the intention to start the fire queen contest next week and end it prior to June 9, when the coronation of the successful candidate will take place. On the day of the coronation there will also be hose races, both reel and Paris rule, between about ten teams of local firemen and two teams from the Ninth Infantry Camp. The Netzer cup will be competed for by the ward company teams, while there will also probably be several cash prizes offered.

### Your Child's Cough is a Call for Help.

Don't put off treating your Child's Cough. It not only saps their strength, but often leads to more serious ailments. Why risk? You don't have to. Dr. King's New Discovery is just the remedy your Child needs. It is made with soothing, healing and antiseptic balsams. Will quickly check the Cold and soothe your Child's Cough away. No odds how bad the Cough or how long standing, Dr. King's New Discovery will stop it. It's guaranteed. Just get a bottle from your Druggist and try it. •

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# WILSON'S NOTE TO GERMANY IS SHARP ALTHOUGH RETAINING FRIENDLY TONE

## Asks for Germany Accounting for Series of German Violations of American Rights in War Zone, Not Only Financial but Moral Accounting, and Demands Guarantees of No Further Unlawful Practices.

By Associated Press.

Washington. May 12.—President Wilson's note to Germany on the Lusitania incident is completed. Drastic action to force Germany to stop "unlawful practices of submarines" will be taken if necessary, but this first note will probably only set forth the demands of the United States. The note asks Germany to account for the series of violations of American rights in the war zone, not only a financial but a moral accounting, and to guarantee that there will be no unlawful practices of submarines. The note does not say exactly what the course of the United States will be in the event of a refusal, nor would Wilson's advisers indicate, except to say that each step would be considered as made. In official quarters, however, it was said that severance of diplomatic relations is possible if there is no abatement of the German practices. The president realizes fully the gravity of the note and is prepared for any eventualities resulting.

The note's final details were revised today and it probably will go to Germany tonight or tomorrow. The cabinet members favoring a vigorous foreign policy are satisfied with the note. The conservative cabinet members are also satisfied. The cabinet is unanimous that it upholds the dignity and honor of the United States. The note was written Sunday before the Philadelphia speech.

The note does not reflect the pacific utterances of the Philadelphia speech. Today's note, although firm, does not abandon the tone of friendliness for the German people. As to forewarnings to the Lusitania passengers, the note said that the notice of an intention to commit an unlawful act did not justify that act.

### War Fever Growing.

Rome, May 12.—The war fever in Italy is growing. Troops were called out last night to disperse a great crowd parading the principal streets, shouting against Austria and against the peace party. They tried to storm the residence of the Italian peace party leader, Giolitti. There were similar demonstrations in the larger towns throughout the country.

### Anti-German Riots.

London, May 12.—Anti-German riots in the East End of London were renewed today despite police protection. Whenever a German appeared he was attacked.

### Senator William's Idea.

Jackson, Miss., May 12.—Senator John Sharp Williams said today: "If I were president I would mobilize the fleet and demand of Germany not only apology and indemnity but an assurance that such an incident would not be repeated."

### Last Austrian Proposal.

Rome, May 12.—What is considered the last definite proposal of Austria on territorial concessions to Italy reached the Italian government today. The cabinet met immediately.

### Momentous Phase Begun.

London, May 12.—The progress of the allies' offensive in Flanders and North France causes the hope here that one of the really momentous phases of the war is now in progress. Berlin recognizes the importance of this battle. German papers say it is the beginning of the long-awaited French offensive. German troops rushed to the front this far have apparently failed to check the allies' northward sweep from Arras. The Germans assert that they are making progress against the British, but General French denies it. In the East the Germans claim that the victory is continuing in Galicia.

### Panic on Italian Border.

London, May 12.—A Lugano, Switzerland, despatch says that a panic is occurring on the Italian border and that several thousand Italians are trying to return to Italy.

## VILLA CLAIMS VICTORY.

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 12.—The Villa agency here claims that Villa has defeated and disorganized Obregon's army. The Carranza flatly denies this. There are no official advices.

## APPROPRIATIONS PASSED.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, May 12.—The senate today passed finally the bill appropriating over four millions for eleemosynary institutions, and adopted a resolution calling for sworn statement of all prison system finances.

## OPENING OF ITALIAN PARLIAMENT.

Rome. May 12.—The reopening today of the Chamber of Deputies is considered a highly important event, in view of the international situation as regards Italy's possible entry into the European War. It is considered in some quarters quite possible that intervention may be announced, although, according to the constitution, the King is entitled to declare war. If the war question is thrown into the Chamber, a quick decision is expected, and prompt measures will be adopted for financing on a war basis.

## NOTABLES TALK ON WORLD PEACE METHODS.

Cleveland, O., May 12.—Eminent American church leaders, deep thinkers on government and international law, and advocates of permanent world peace gathered here today for a conference. Former President William H. Taft will deliver the opening address tonight, following the welcoming addresses of the Governor and the Mayor. Judge Alton B. Parker will also speak tonight, and both be and Prof. Taft will have for their subject "The United States Supreme Court, the Prototype of the World Court." The conference will continue tomorrow and Friday, and the speakers include Cardinal Gibbons, Senator Y. Sherman of Illinois, Bishop Luther B. Wilson, Rabbi Joseph Silverman, John Mitchell, Bainbridge Colby and Prof. Jeremiah Jenks. The conference will consider all suggestions for the establishment of a supreme court of the world for settling international disputes and avoiding war. All reference to the present European War will be omitted, but the thinkers of America will give their views with the hope that the idea will be taken up universally after the close of the present conflict.

## CHARITY LEADERS DISCUSS SOCIAL PROBLEMS.

Baltimore, Md., May 12.—The largest charity convention in the history of the United States is that which opened here this morning. For eight days the big convention will take up in succession the problems that are today faced by charity and social workers. More communities, organizations and private charity work is represented this year than ever before, and the speakers secured will cover the phases of charity work far better, it is expected, than ever before.

Among the questions to be considered at the conference are unemployment, inebriety, the curriculum for schools for social workers, outdoor relief, illegitimacy, the social evil, the relation between public and private charities, and feeble-mindedness.

Reports from the charity workers who arrived today show that they have had to face during the past winter serious questions in relation to the relief of destitution, unemployment, care of children, public sanitation and kindred problems, many of which are incident to bad industrial conditions. These workers, as well as public officials and benefactors are feeling the necessity of getting together in formulation of some plan for better co-operation of all facilities in similar emergencies.

For the second time in its history of 42 years, a woman is presiding. She is Mrs. Mary Wilcox Glenn of New York, wife of the director of the Russell Sage Foundation.

### Entertained at Bridge.

Yesterday afternoon at the home of her sister, Mrs. Agnes D. Huberich on Matamoros street, Mrs. Max Deutz of San Antonio entertained a number of friends at bridge, five tables being used to accommodate those participating. The prize winners were: High score prize, cutglass fern dish, won by Mrs. W. N. Young; second high score, tea set, won by Mrs. C. M. Fish; consolation, hand-embroidered towel, Mrs. S. M. Barlow. Delicious refreshments were served during the afternoon.

## GIBSON BILL IS UP.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Tex., May 12.—The Gibson bill to amend the Robertson insurance law is up in the house today. Representative Baker and fifty others offered an amendment to strike out the enacting clause of the bill. Thereupon a debate began on the merits of the bill. The house was still debating when it recessed until afternoon.

## AUCTION BIG COAL TRACTS TODAY.

Danville, Ill., May 12.—An auction sale of vast holdings of coal lands purchased by the Dering Coal Company from the late Michael Kelly and others in this section of Illinois, will be held today at the Federal building, in order that debts of the company, amounting to $6,000,000 may be liquidated. The Dering company, which has headquarters in Chicago, acquired big holdings ten years ago. Several years ago it went into bankruptcy, being unable to pay a mortgage and other debts.

## OPEN BIG ART CONVENTION.

Washington, May 12.—The annual convention of the American Federation of Arts opens here today, and in attendance are representatives of many art associations and museums all over the country and by celebrities in the real of American art. Robert de Rofest, president of the organization, will preside during the three days of the convention. Henry White will today speak on the value of art to a nation, and other speakers are Edwin H. Blashfield, Cecelia Beaux, George Leland Hunter, Louise Connolly, Walter Scott Perry, Lloyd Warren, and others. This afternoon Mrs. Larz will tender a reception to the visitors. Art in the colleges, in the schools, in industry and in every day life will be topics of the speakers during the convention sessions.

## NATIONAL CONGRESS OF MOTHERS.

Portland, Ore., May 12.—The National Congress of Mothers, which opens today in this city has brought large delegations from many sections of America. Governor Withycombe will welcome the women to Oregon this afternoon, Mayor Albee will speak, and Mrs. Aristene Felts, president of the Oregon Congress, will welcome the visitors in the name of the women of the state. Mrs. Frederick Schoff of Philadelphia, president of the National Congress, will preside and will deliver her annual address. Tomorrow a discussion on children, the home, the church, the school, and the government will bring forth many prominent speakers. The sessions will extend until Friday afternoon.

## ENGINEERS PLAN NEW FIGHT.

Cleveland, O., May 12.—Nearly a thousand delegates were present when the convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers opened here today. The engineers from the west were in no happy mood, and roasted the big arbitration at Chicago which resulted in scant recognition of their demands against the western railways. It was freely stated that the convention will authorize preparations for a renewal of the battle for higher wages and better working conditions on the 48 western roads involved. The decision of the arbitrators is to hold for one ear, but at that time insistent demands will be made.

One of the interesting points of the international convention is whether the railroad workers of the east will stand by the declaration of the western engineers that Charles Nagel of the federal board of mediation was unfit for service as a mediator becaues of his trusteeship of an estate which owns railroad stocks.

## DIOCESE IS FIFTY YEARS OLD.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 12.—The fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the Pittsburg diocese of the Episcopal Church will be celebrated by church leaders here tonight, led by Bishop Cortlandt Whitehead. The services will be held in Christ Church, which is the only church now standing as it was without alteration 50 years ago.

### Card of Thanks.

We take this method of returning our sincere thanks and appreciation to those good friends who came to our assistance during the last days and death of our husband, father and brother, Dan H. Hickey, and rendered every aid within human power, and who, when the time came when Death invaded our home and our loved one was called from us, sent beautiful floral tributes. All these kind acts will linger imperishable in our memories.

Mrs. Dan H. Hickey and Family.

## COMPENSATING VIRTUES.

Senator Money of Mississippi asked an old colored man what breed of chickens he considered best and he replied:

"All kinds has merits. De w'ite ones is de easiest to find, but de black ones is de easiest to hide after you gits 'em."—Tit-Bits.

### Whooping Cough.

Well—everybody knows the effect of Pine Forests on Coughs. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is a remedy which brings quick relief for Whooping Cough, loosens the mucus, soothes the lining of the throat and lungs, and makes the coughing spells less severe. A family with growing children should not be without it. Keep it handy for all Coughs and Colds. 25c. at Your Druggist. •

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From Thursday's Daily.

## THE PRESIDENT'S NOTE.

While the text of President Wilson' note to Germany is not available for publication, enough is known of it to establish the fact that there will be no craven withdrawal of the notice given three months ago that the United States would hold Germany to "strict accountability" for any destruction of American ships or American lives.

The cabinet meeting at which the note was fully discussed developed a feeling on the part of some of the members—notably Secretary of War Garrison—that the severing of diplomatic relations with Germany must result in war with that country, but Mr. Wilson said that in nine cases out of ten where similar action was taken it did not result in actual hostilities.

It is evident, moreover, that the possibility that war might result from the American note will not deter the president from the action which he has decided to take.

The note was emphatic in its statement that the former American note had not admitted any right on the part of Germany to carry on methods of war, which the present note terms "unlawful," and it declared plainly that notification on the part of Germany that it was about to commit an illegal act did not justify the act or make it lawful.

Surmises as to the result of severing diplomatic relations also included dread that the many thousands of German reservists now in this country might be a menace to our people, but it was pointed out that our government was prepared to handle the Germans and in case the German-Americans gave them aid and comfort that would be treason.

Mr. Wilson is convinced that no matter what consequences may follow a firm insistence upon "strict accountability," worse consequences are sure to follow any failure to demand that degree of responsibility.

In case Germany refuses to receive the rebuke of our president, a special session of congress would have to be called before any declaration of war could be made, and there would be large appropriations necessary to carry on the necessary preparations.

Of course, there may be no reason for apprehension, as the great German interests in this country which would be liable to confiscation in case of war, may cause the Germans to reconsider the affair from all angles before taking any rash action.

The indiscreet—to say the least—utterances of Dr. Dernburg, the Kaiser's personal representative in this country, and others regarding the sinking of the Lusitania are deplored by all cool heads, including many of the German-Americans.

But whatever the outcome of the present negotiations, there will be no yielding on the part of this government. Germany must make full and complete reparation for the crime which she committed and must give guarantees that there will be no further incidents of that nature. It is not enough to guarantee the neutrality of our flag, but she must see to it that no more non-combatants from this country are murdered under guise of inflicting a blow upon her enemy.

The claim that is made by the German apologists that England first started the breaches of neutrality, it is pointed out in Washington, is not sufficient to release Germany from her individual responsibility. Great Britain's acts are so far merely trespass; Germany's acts are murder in the first degree.

The verdict of the coroner's jury in Ireland over the bodies of five of the victims charges the officers and crew of the submarine, the German emperor and the German government with the murder of the victims of the Lusitania disaster. And this seems to be the view in Washington also.

## USEFUL CRITICISM.

The recent lecture of Miss Van Buren, organizer of the American Civic Association, in which she criticised some of our public institutions, was listened to with interest, and none of those who heard the lecture could deny that the criticism was well founded and just.

It was in no spirit of carking criticism that Miss Van Buren called attention to our failure to properly house our schools. Rather was it in the spirit of friendliness, calling attention to our lack of proper school houses as something which ought to and might be remedied.

Some time ago the state superintendent of public instruction rated the Laredo High School as among those of the first class in the state, and said that it would have been given the highest rating save for the abominable condition of the building in which it was housed.

There are other school buildings in the city—our citizens are familiar with all of them—which are an actual disgrace to a city of the size and wealth of Laredo.

Surely we can afford to give our children the best that is available in the way of school buildings. From ten to twelve years of their lives, during the formative period, they live several hours daily in the school buildings. These buildings should be such as to establish in their minds the principles of cleanliness and sanitation.

What must be the thoughts of the children as they reach more mature years, when they see the penuriousness of the city forcing them to pursue their studies in buildings which their daily lessons tell them are insanitary and which their own perception teaches them are unfit for public instruction?

We boast of our city as one that is progressive. We have a magnificent courthouse, a good jail, a fairly good city market building. We are expending money in the improvement and care of numerous plazas, and we are talking of further improvements in our streets.

At the same time we have some buildings that are as unfit for school purposes as they would be for housing the county or city officials. We are building—and have built—some frame buildings that would not even be a credit to some rural school districts. We have a high school building that should be torn down and replaced with a strictly up-to-date house in keeping with the mental attainments of our scholars.

Other cities are announcing to the world that they have unrivalled school facilities. They are building new schoolhouses which cost as much as Webb county paid for the courthouse, and are doing it as a matter of course.

The first thing, we are told, that a prospective settler inquires about is the schools and churches in the town to which he proposes going. If a prospective resident of Laredo were to ask about our schools what could we tell him?

The time has gone by for housing schools in almost any old kind of a building. Modern science teaches us that for a scholar to do effective work and retain his health he must be housed in a modern building. The lighting, the ventilation, the heating in the short winter we have—all these must be carefully studied before drawing the plans for the school house.

The Central school house is a fairly good building. There are many that are better and few modern ones that are worse. But that is the extent of what we have done for the pupils in Laredo. The rest of them are given no better housing than some people give their blooded stock, and less attention is paid to the school arrangements than to the breeding places of the best cattle and horses.

We must not resent the criticism of investigators, when it is as well founded as the present matter. Rather, we should wake up and see what we can do to improve conditions.

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Senator John Sharp Williams tells what he would do if he were president. As it happens almost to coincide with President Wilson has done, it is evidence of the truth of the old statement that "Great minds run in the same channels."

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Anti-German riots in the East End in London are causing the police much worry. Whenever a German appears there he is attacked. Why not go into "seclusion," as Bernstorff did in New York when he heard of the sinking of the Lusitania?

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It turns out that Mr. Wilson's Philadelphia speech and his note to Germany do not reflect each other. Probably not. The speech was written before the Lusitania was sunk, while the president was considering what to say to the newly made citizens, and had nothing to do with an arrogant foreign nation.

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Chas. Chaplin at The Strand Saturday. (Adv.)

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**Board of Equalization.**

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**An Authority on Subject Gives Some Valuable Advice That Might Be Heeded With Profit in Laredo.**

(Communication.)

Laredo has lately had a demonstration of what may be expected as a result of electric light house wiring not properly done. This demonstration was a small fire which luckily, or rather by the aid of the Volunteer Fire Department, caused only slight financial loss.

Electric wires coming in contact with wood work, or rather inflammable material, is dangerous although the wire may be of a proper size to carry the required current since a short circuit may occur at any time, causing an overheating of the wire and setting fire to the building.

People become so used to electricity that they get into the habit of thinking that there can never be any danger either to property or to life, and think that as one's house has never been damaged by the current that everything is perfectly correct and look to no trouble in the future. However, a house may be in danger of being set on fire for some time before the thing actually happens, and the owner of the house is entirely innocent of any danger to his property until it is too late. He will say when asked about the proper wiring of his house, "Well so-and-so did the work and I have good lights, and I paid him, so what more can I do? Everything looks all right to me."

What is the remedy? How can the city protect its property owners in this regard? Many cities have passed ordinances in regard to electric house wiring, and also either appointed or elected a man whose sole duty it is to inspect every job, and either pass on it or condemn it, before the electric light company connects up to the house.

It would be advisable to allow no house wiring done except in what is known as "conduit-work." This means that every wire, pair of wires or set of wires, be threaded through an iron pipe. When this is done and a wire burns up, it burns inside of the tube and the house is safe. And the old wire can be pulled out and a new set pulled into the pipe without damage to the building. This is a sure remedy when coupled with the rules of the underwriter's code in regard to the sizes of wire to be used, and same has been adopted by many cities in the United States.

Yours truly,
SAM FOSTER.

## THE LAREDO RACING TEAM ENTERTAINED BY SPONSOR

**RECEPTION AND SUPPER BY MISS LILIAN WESTBROOK.**

**Prior to Enjoying Feast Provided the Popular Sponsor Was Presented With Clark Trophy Won at Waco**

Last evening at her home on Matamoros street Miss Lilian Westbrook, sponsor of the Laredo Racing Team of the Fire Department, (consisting of both the reel racers and Paris Rules teams), gave a delightful reception and supper to the members of the joint teams. The entertainment provided by the popular hostess on this occasion merited the praise of every member present and they enjoyed one of the most delightful evenings to be desired. Assembling at the fire station at 8:15 o'clock the members of the team at 8:30 boarded the hose wagon and were taken in a body to the Westbrook home, where they were greeted by Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Westbrook and Miss Lilian Westbrook, the sponsor.

At 9 o'clock the team members were ushered into the cozy dining hall. At the large circular table each member and others present halted at their respective places and stood still, as here a short ceremony took place—the presenting to the sponsor of the Clark trophy, the state prize won by Paris Rules Team No. 2 at Waco. The presentation speech was made in a few appropriate words by J. W. Falvella, captain of the racing team, and Miss Westbrook, as sponsor, accepted it in a most gracious manner. The trophy consists of a large handsomely designed and engraved silver pitcher on a tilting stand and with large silver goblet. Together with the trophy went the case and the key and one of the large blue breast ribbons of the team with the word "Laredo" in old English lettering.

Following the presentation and acceptation remarks the guests seated themselves at the tastefully arranged table. The Seasonable decorative centerpiece consisted of a huge bouquet of violets tied with maline bows. At each place were small baskets filled with candies and the handles of which contained a bow of white and blue, the colors of the racing team. The supper was one that would satisfy the most fastidious and was enjoyed by all. The final course consisted of ice cream and cake, the ice cream being in bricks of white with a blue pennant in the center.

Following the doing of justice to the sumptuous menu Mr. J. S. Westbrook, who is a member of the fire committee of the city council, made a felicitous talk to the firemen assembled there, prefacing his remarks with an appreciation of the presence of the boys on this occasion and thanking them on behalf of the sponsor for the presentation of the trophy cup. Later Mr. Westbrook made some encouraging remarks on the work of the Laredo fire department and racing team and gave a brief account of his experiences as a volunteer fireman, stating that he was a fireman in the days when the Temple fire department was organized and was today a member of the Laredo Fire Department and proud to be enlisted among its membership. Chief C. C. Biggio, on behalf of the Laredo Fire Department, and J. W. Falvella, on behalf of the Laredo Racing Team, responded to Mr. Westbrook's salutation and timely remarks with short addresses.

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**JURY OUT FOUR HOURS BEFORE ARRIVING AT A VERDICT.**

**Trial Was Prolonged One and Counsel Appointed by Court to Represent McCoy Made Hard Fight.**

After being on trial in the district court since last Friday morning, the case of Everett McCoy, charged with the killing of William Banks on the evening of March 11, was finally disposed of last night, when, at 9:20, the jury brought in a verdict finding the defendant guilty of manslaughter and assessing his penalty at five years' imprisonment in the state penitentiary. The jury had deliberated for four hours before they reached a decision. To the able defense made by J. W. Kenney and J. L. Dannelley, appointed by the court to represent the defendant, is attributed the light term given McCoy.

After handing in the verdict of the jury to the district clerk last night, M. W. Brennan, foreman of the jury, turned to Judge Mullally and on behalf of his fellow jurymen, thanked the court for having put them in charge of such a man as Deputy Sheriff Joe Herrera, whom the jury specially thanked for the many courtesies shown them and who did everything possible to provide for every comfort possible during the time the jury was in his charge.

The trial of McCoy was one of the most prolonged held in Laredo in some years, as the securing of the jury itself consumed three days and a total of something like 180 men summoned on special venires were exhausted before the requisite twelve jurors were secured, denoting that each juror was selected with the utmost care by both the counsel for the defense and the prosecution.

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**Onion Shipments.**

Ninety-two cars of onions were shipped out of Laredo last night over the I. & G. N. This makes a total of 1857 cars so far shipped from here this season.

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**MAN IS CHARGED WITH KILLING LUCIO MARTINEZ ON FEB. 4.**

**Case of A. N. Shipp, Charged With Theft of Goats, Ended This Morning With Assessing of Fine.**

In the district court this morning the case of the State of Texas vs. A. N. Shipp, charged with theft of goats, was called for trial. The defendant pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor under Article 1386 and he was punished by assessment of a fine of $100 and costs. This case had been on the docket of the court for some time past.

Tomorrow morning in court the case of Pietro Petrolati, charged with the killing of Lucio Martinez in a pool room in this city on the night of February 4, will be called for trial. Wilmer Threadgill has been appointed by the court to represent the defendant and a special venire of fifty men has been summoned to appear tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. The details of the killing of Martinez by Petrolati are still fresh in the minds of Times readers, as an account of the affair was published the day after. Petrolati claimed that he was showing a gun to a friend with a view of selling it when the weapon was accidentally discharged, the bullet entering the body of Martinez near the heart and causing almost instant death.

This morning a part of the jury summoned for the week was discharged, while the remainder was excused until tomorrow morning. Besides the Petrolati murder case there are three other similar cases to be tried at the present term of the district court.

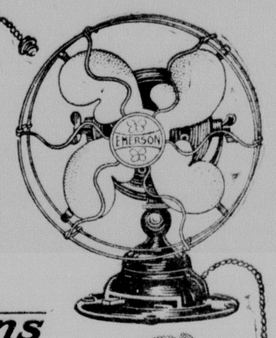
## PIANO AND SONG RECITAL.

**Advanced Pupils of Mrs. T. A. Austin, Assisted by Mrs. Gatewood, Gave Excellent Program.**

The advanced pupils of Mrs. T. A. Austin rendered a high-class piano and song recital at the Austin home yesterday afternoon, the program being a most excellent one and reflecting credit on all participants. Mrs. Austin was assisted by Mrs. Charles Gatewood. The following was program was rendered:

Der Freischuetz ..... (Weber)
Misses Moser, Denike and Mrs. Austin.
The Blackbird ..... (Weatherley)
Miss Nelson.
Sonata Pathetique—First Movement ..... (Beethoven)
Miss Brown.
An Irish Love Song ..... (Lang);
Still Wie Die Nacht ..... (Bohm)
Miss Helen Richter.
Tanz-Vergnuegen ..... (Scharwenka);
Elegie in F ..... (Youferoff)
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Il Mio Bel Foco. Recitative ed Aria ..... (Marcello);
Eyes that Used to Gaze in Mine ..... (Lohr)
Miss Denike.
Andante Spinato—Op. 22 ..... (Chopin)
Grillen ..... (Schumann)
Miss Helen Richter.
Dawn ..... (Leoni);
L'Incantatrice ..... (Arditi)
Mrs. J. W. Brewster.
Sonata—Op. 27, Andante and Scherzo ..... (Beethoven)
Etude—Op. 36 ..... (Arensky)
Miss Moser.
Louise ..... (Carpentier);
Little Grey Dove ..... (Saar)
Mrs. Charles Gatewood.
Japanese Etude ..... (Poldini);
Rhapsodie Hongroise ..... (Liszt)
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1520—Massacre of Mexican noblemen by Alvarado, in the absence of Cortez, at Mexico City. This act brought disaster to Cortez and his army.

1539—British crown took over church institutions, including 644 monasteries, 90 colleges, and 110 hospitals.

1607—Jamestown, Virginia, settled by the English, with 105 persons, who strove through appalling difficulties and maintained the colony.

1781—Benedict Arnold became commander of the British forces in Virginia.

1783—Society of Cincinnati established, composed of officers who had served in the regular army during the revolutionary war.

1809—Vienna, the capital of Austria, captured for the second time by Napoleon.

1816—The American Bible Society founded in New York.

1846—Congress authorized President Polk to raise 50,000 men and $10,000,000 for the war with Mexico.

1861—Queen Victoria proclaimed British neutrality in American Civil War.

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## THIS IS MY 37th BIRTHDAY

MARQUIS OF LONDONDERRY.

The Marquis of Londonderry, seventh of the line of famous fighters and leaders, who succeeded his father, the famous Ulsterite leader, at his death last February, is 37 years old today. He has inherited immense riches, the bulk of which was gathered by his father from his immense dealings in coal. The new Marquis was born May 13, 1878, the only son of the 6th Marquis. He was educated at Eton. He was made a Captain and Adjutant of the Royal Horse Guards, and since 1906 has been in Parliament. He married Edith, daughter of Right Hon. Henry Chaplin, a royal commissioner. His heir is Viscount Castlereagh, his eldest son, now 13 years old. The family is famous through the service rendered by the third marquis, who was a distintinguished officer under Wellington and a diplomat of note. The late Marquis was Viceroy of Ireland, Solicitor General for Ireland and later for England. The present Marquis makes his London home at Londonderry House, one of the most splendid private houses in England, the scene of many society events. Wynyard Park, the family country home, cost about $1,000,000 to build. Another castle is Mount Stewart, in County Down, in Ireland.

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Mrs. A. L. Luckie, East Rochester, N. Y., was a victim of sick headache and despondency, caused by a badly weakened and debilitated condition of her stomach, when she began taking Chamberlain's Tablets. She says, "I found them pleasant to take, also mild and effective. In a few weeks' time I was restored to my former good health." For sale by All x dealers.

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The cabinet meeting at which the note was fully discussed developed a feeling on the part of some of the members—notably Secretary of War Garrison—that the severing of diplomatic relations with Germany must result in war with that country, but Mr. Wilson said that in nine cases out of ten where similar action was taken it did not result in actual hostilities.

It is evident, moreover, that the possibility that war might result from the American note will not deter the president from the action which he has decided to take.

The note was emphatic in its statement that the former American note had not admitted any right on the part of Germany to carry on methods of war, which the present note terms "unlawful," and it declared plainly that notification on the part of Germany that it was about to commit an illegal act did not justify the act or make it lawful.

Surmises as to the result of severing diplomatic relations also included dread that the many thousands of German reservists now in this country might be a menace to our people, but it was pointed out that our government was prepared to handle the Germans and in case the German-Americans gave them aid and comfort that would be treason.

Mr. Wilson is convinced that no matter what consequences may follow a firm insistence upon "strict accountability," worse consequences are sure to follow any failure to demand that degree of responsibility.

In case Germany refuses to receive the rebuke of our president, a special session of congress would have to be called before any declaration of war could be made, and there would be large appropriations necessary to carry on the necessary preparations.

Of course, there may be no reason for apprehension, as the great German interests in this country which would be liable to confiscation in case of war, may cause the Germans to reconsider the affair from all angles before taking any rash action.

The indiscreet—to say the least—utterances of Dr. Dernburg, the Kaiser's personal representative in this country, and others regarding the sinking of the Lusitania are deplored by all cool heads, including many of the German-Americans.

But whatever the outcome of the present negotiations, there will be no yielding on the part of this government. Germany must make full and complete reparation for the crime which she committed and must give guarantees that there will be no further incidents of that nature. It is not enough to guarantee the neutrality of our flag, but she must see to it that no more non-combatants from this country are murdered under guise of inflicting a blow upon her enemy.

The claim that is made by the German apologists that England first started the breaches of neutrality, it is pointed out in Washington, is not sufficient to release Germany from her individual responsibility. Great Britain's acts are so far merely trespass; Germany's acts are murder in the first degree.

The verdict of the coroner's jury in Ireland over the bodies of five of the victims charges the officers and crew of the submarine, the German emperor and the German government with the murder of the victims of the Lusitania disaster. And this seems to be the view in Washington also.

## USEFUL CRITICISM.

The recent lecture of Miss Van Buren, organizer of the American Civic Association, in which she criticised some of our public institutions, was listened to with interest, and none of those who heard the lecture could deny that the criticism was well founded and just.

It was in no spirit of carking criticism that Miss Van Buren called attention to our failure to properly house our schools. Rather was it in the spirit of friendliness, calling attention to our lack of proper school houses as something which ought to and might be remedied.

Some time ago the state superintendent of public instruction rated the Laredo High School as among those of the first class in the state, and said that it would have been given the highest rating save for the abominable condition of the building in which it was housed.

There are other school buildings in the city—our citizens are familiar with all of them—which are an actual disgrace to a city of the size and wealth of Laredo.

Surely we can afford to give our children the best that is available in the way of school buildings. From ten to twelve years of their lives, during the formative period, they live several hours daily in the school buildings. These buildings should be such as to establish in their minds the principles of cleanliness and sanitation.

What must be the thoughts of the children as they reach more mature years, when they see the penuriousness of the city forcing them to pursue their studies in buildings which their daily lessons tell them are insanitary and which their own perception teaches them are unfit for public instruction?

We boast of our city as one that is progressive. We have a magnificent courthouse, a good jail, a fairly good city market building. We are expending money in the improvement and care of numerous plazas, and we are talking of further improvements in our streets.

At the same time we have some buildings that are as unfit for school purposes as they would be for housing the county or city officials. We are building—and have built—some frame buildings that would not even be a credit to some rural school districts. We have a high school building that should be torn down and replaced with a strictly up-to-date house in keeping with the mental attainments of our scholars.

Other cities are announcing to the world that they have unrivalled school facilities. They are building new schoolhouses which cost as much as Webb county paid for the courthouse, and are doing it as a matter of course.

The first thing, we are told, that a prospective settler inquires about is the schools and churches in the town to which he proposes going. If a prospective resident of Laredo were to ask about our schools what could we tell him?

The time has gone by for housing schools in almost any old kind of a building. Modern science teaches us that for a scholar to do effective work and retain his health he must be housed in a modern building. The lighting, the ventilation, the heating in the short winter we have—all these must be carefully studied before drawing the plans for the school house.

The Central school house is a fairly good building. There are many that are better and few modern ones that are worse. But that is the extent of what we have done for the pupils in Laredo. The rest of them are given no better housing than some people give their blooded stock, and less attention is paid to the school arrangements than to the breeding places of the best cattle and horses.

We must not resent the criticism of investigators, when it is as well founded as the present matter. Rather, we should wake up and see what we can do to improve conditions.

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Senator John Sharp Williams tells what he would do if he were president. As it happens almost to coincide with President Wilson has done, it is evidence of the truth of the old statement that "Great minds run in the same channels."

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Anti-German riots in the East End in London are causing the police much worry. Whenever a German appears there he is attacked. Why not go into "seclusion," as Bernstorff did in New York when he heard of the sinking of the Lusitania?

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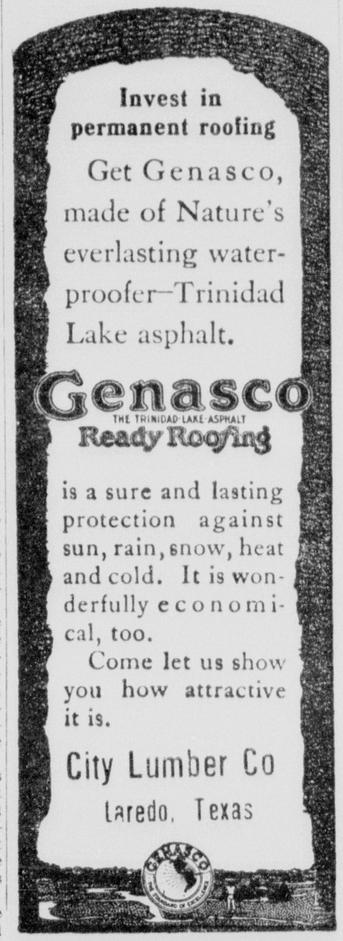
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—Professor Rafael Galindo, noted cellist, former director of the Mexican National Conservatory of Music, and president of the Musicians' Union of Mexico, has accepted a position with the Strand Symphony Orchestra. His initial performance will be given tonight and he will render a number of special selections.

## ELECTRIC WIRING OF HOUSES.

### An Authority on Subject Gives Some Valuable Advice That Might Be Heeded With Profit in Laredo.

(Communication.)

Laredo has lately had a demonstration of what may be expected as a result of electric light house wiring not properly done. This demonstration was a small fire which luckily, or rather by the aid of the Volunteer Fire Department, caused only slight financial loss.

Electric wires coming in contact with wood work, or rather inflammable material, is dangerous although the wire may be of a proper size to carry the required current since a short circuit may occur at any time, causing an overheating of the wire and setting fire to the building.

People become so used to electricity that they get into the habit of thinking that there can never be any danger either to property or to life, and think that as one's house has never been damaged by the current that everything is perfectly correct and look to no trouble in the future. However, a house may be in danger of being set on fire for some time before the thing actually happens, and the owner of the house is entirely innocent of any danger to his property until it is too late. He will say when asked about the proper wiring of his house, "Well so-and-so did the work and I have good lights, and I paid him, so what more can I do? Everything looks all right to me."

What is the remedy? How can the city protect its property owners in this regard? Many cities have passed ordinances in regard to electric house wiring, and also either appointed or elected a man whose sole duty it is to inspect every job, and either pass on it or condemn it, before the electric light company connects up to the house.

It would be advisable to allow no house wiring done except in what is known as "conduit-work." This means that every wire, pair of wires or set of wires, be threaded through an iron pipe. When this is done and a wire burns up, it burns inside of the tube and the house is safe. And the old wire can be pulled out and a new set pulled into the pipe without damage to the building. This is a sure remedy when coupled with the rules of the underwriter's code in regard to the sizes of wire to be used, and same has been adopted by many cities in the United States.

Yours truly,
SAM FOSTER.

## THE LAREDO RACING TEAM ENTERTAINED BY SPONSOR

### RECEPTION AND SUPPER BY MISS LILIAN WESTBROOK.

#### Prior to Enjoying Feast Provided the Popular Sponsor Was Presented With Clark Trophy Won at Waco

Last evening at her home on Matamoros street Miss Lilian Westbrook, sponsor of the Laredo Racing Team of the Fire Department, (consisting of both the reel racers and Paris Rules teams), gave a delightful reception and supper to the members of the joint teams. The entertainment provided by the popular hostess on this occasion merited the praise of every member present and they enjoyed one of the most delightful evenings to be desired. Assembling at the fire station at 8:15 o'clock the members of the team at 8:30 boarded the hose wagon and were taken in a body to the Westbrook home, where they were greeted by Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Westbrook and Miss Lilian Westbrook, the sponsor.

At 9 o'clock the team members were ushered into the cozy dining hall. At the large circular table each member and others present halted at their respective places and stood still, as here a short ceremony took place—the presenting to the sponsor of the Clark trophy, the state prize won by Paris Rules Team No. 2 at Waco. The presentation speech was made in a few appropriate words by J. W. Falvella, captain of the racing team, and Miss Westbrook, as sponsor, accepted it in a most gracious manner. The trophy consists of a large handsomely designed and engraved silver pitcher on a tilting stand and with large silver goblet. Together with the trophy went the case and the key and one of the large blue breast ribbons of the team with the word "Laredo" in old English lettering.

Following the presentation and acceptation remarks the guests seated themselves at the tastefully arranged table. The Seasonable decorative centerpiece consisted of a huge bouquet of violets tied with maline bows. At each place were small baskets filled with candies and the handles of which contained a bow of white and blue, the colors of the racing team. The supper was one that would satisfy the most fastidious and was enjoyed by all. The final course consisted of ice cream and cake, the ice cream being in bricks of white with a blue pennant in the center.

Following the doing of justice to the sumptuous menu Mr. J. S. Westbrook, who is a member of the fire committee of the city council, made a felicitous talk to the firemen assembled there, prefacing his remarks with an appreciation of the presence of the boys on this occasion and thanking them on behalf of the sponsor for the presentation of the trophy cup. Later Mr. Westbrook made some encouraging remarks on the work of the Laredo fire department and racing team and gave a brief account of his experiences as a volunteer fireman, stating that he was a fireman in the days when the Temple fire department was organized and was today a member of the Laredo Fire Department and proud to be enlisted among its membership. Chief C. C. Biggio, on behalf of the Laredo Fire Department, and J. W. Falvella, on behalf of the Laredo Racing Team, responded to Mr. Westbrook's salutation and timely remarks with short addresses.

Those present on this most delightful occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Westbrook, Miss Lilian Westbrook and G. R. Weber, president of Rescue Hose Co. No. 3, and the following members of the Laredo Racing Team: Chief C. C. Biggio, J. W. Falvella, Gus Schmitt, A. D. Wright, Carlos Richter, Percy Winch, Claude Bigden, Solomon Freed, Henry Burr, Frank Barthelow, Ed. Staben, William Sharkey, Henry Eistetter.

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LEO EISTETTER.
5-12-12t. (Adv.)

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## M'COY GIVEN TERM OF FIVE YEARS IN PENITENTIARY

### JURY OUT FOUR HOURS BEFORE ARRIVING AT A VERDICT.

#### Trial Was Prolonged One and Counsel Appointed by Court to Represent McCoy Made Hard Fight.

After being on trial in the district court since last Friday morning, the case of Everett McCoy, charged with the killing of William Banks on the evening of March 11, was finally disposed of last night, when, at 9:20, the jury brought in a verdict finding the defendant guilty of manslaughter and assessing his penalty at five years' imprisonment in the state penitentiary. The jury had deliberated for four hours before they reached a decision. To the able defense made by J. W. Kenney and J. L. Dannelley, appointed by the court to represent the defendant, is attributed the light term given McCoy.

After handing in the verdict of the jury to the district clerk last night, M. W. Brennan, foreman of the jury, turned to Judge Mullally and on behalf of his fellow jurymen, thanked the court for having put them in charge of such a man as Deputy Sheriff Joe Herrera, whom the jury specially thanked for the many courtesies shown them and who did everything possible to provide for every comfort possible during the time the jury was in his charge.

The trial of McCoy was one of the most prolonged held in Laredo in some years, as the securing of the jury itself consumed three days and a total of something like 180 men summoned on special venires were exhausted before the requisite twelve jurors were secured, denoting that each juror was selected with the utmost care by both the counsel for the defense and the prosecution.

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Onion Shipments.

Ninety-two cars of onions were shipped out of Laredo last night over the I. & G. N. This makes a total of 1857 cars so far shipped from here this season.

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Chas. Chaplin at The Strand Saturday. (Adv.)

## PETROLATI MURDER CASE TO BE CALLED TOMORROW

### MAN IS CHARGED WITH KILLING LUCIO MARTINEZ ON FEB. 4.

#### Case of A. N. Shipp, Charged With Theft of Goats, Ended This Morning With Assessing of Fine.

In the district court this morning the case of the State of Texas vs. A. N. Shipp, charged with theft of goats, was called for trial. The defendant pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor under Article 1386 and he was punished by assessment of a fine of $100 and costs. This case had been on the docket of the court for some time past.

Tomorrow morning in court the case of Pietro Petrolati, charged with the killing of Lucio Martinez in a pool room in this city on the night of February 4, will be called for trial. Wilmer Threadgill has been appointed by the court to represent the defendant and a special venire of fifty men has been summoned to appear tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. The details of the killing of Martinez by Petrolatj are still fresh in the minds of Times readers, as an account of the affair was published the day after. Petrolati claimed that he was showing a gun to a friend with a view of selling it when the weapon was accidentally discharged, the bullet entering the body of Martinez near the heart and causing almost instant death.

This morning a part of the jury summoned for the week was discharged, while the remainder was excused until tomorrow morning. Besides the Petrolati murder case there are three other similar cases to be tried at the present term of the district court.

## PIANO AND SONG RECITAL.

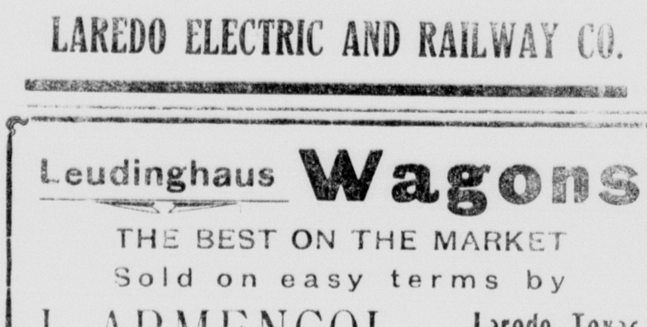
### Advanced Pupils of Mrs. T. A. Austin, Assisted by Mrs. Gatewood, Gave Excellent Program.

The advanced pupils of Mrs. T. A. Austin rendered a high-class piano and song recital at the Austin home yesterday afternoon, the program being a most excellent one and reflecting credit on all participants. Mrs. Austin was assisted by Mrs. Charles Gatewood. The following was program was rendered:

Der Freischuetz ..... (Weber)
Misses Moser, Denike and Mrs. Austin.
The Blackbird ..... (Weatherley)
Miss Nelson.
Sonata Pathetique—First Movement.. ..... (Beethoven)
Miss Brown.
An Irish Love Song ..... (Lang);
Still Wie Die Nacht ..... (Bohm)
Miss Helen Richter.
Tanz-Vergnuegen ..... (Scharwenka);
Elegie in F ..... (Youfferoff)
Miss Nelson.
Il Mio Bel Foco. Recitative od Aria. ..... (Marcello);
Eyes that Used to Gaze in Mine..... (Lohr)
Miss Denike.
Andante Spinato—Op. 22 ..... (Chop'n)
Grillen ..... (Schumann)
Miss Helen Richter.
Dawn ..... (Leoni);
L'Incantatrice ..... (Arditi)
Mrs. J. W. Brewster.
Sonata—Op. 27, Andante and Scherzo ..... (Beethoven)
Etude—Op. 36 ..... (Arensky)
Miss Moser.
Louise ..... (Carpentier);
Little Grey Dove ..... (Saar)
Mrs. Charles Gatewood.
Japanese Etude ..... (Poldini);
Rhapsodie Hongroise ..... (Liszt)
Miss Denike.









## THIS DATE IN HISTORY

MAY 13.

1520—Massacre of Mexican noblemen by Alvarado, in the absence of Cortez, at Mexico City. This act brought disaster to Cortez and his army.

1539—British crown took over church institutions, including 644 monasteries, 90 colleges, and 110 hospitals.

1607—Jamestown, Virginia, settled by the English, with 105 persons, who strove through appalling difficulties and maintained the colony.

1781—Benedict Arnold became commander of the British forces in Virginia.

1783—Society of Cincinnati established, composed of officers who had served in the regular army during the revolutionary war.

1809—Vienna, the capital of Austria, captured for the second time by Napoleon.

1816—The American Bible Society founded in New York.

1846—Congress authorized President Polk to raise 50,000 men and $10,000,000 for the war with Mexico.

1861—Queen Victoria proclaimed British neutrality in American Civil War.

1884—Congress passed a bill giving Alaska civil government.

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(Adv.)

## THIS IS MY 37th BIRTHDAY

MARQUIS OF LONDONDERRY.

The Marquis of Londonderry, seventh of the line of famous fighters and leaders, who succeeded his father, the famous Ulsterite leader, at his death last February, is 37 years old today. He has inherited immense riches, the bulk of which was gathered by his father from his immense dealings in coal. The new Marquis was born May 13, 1878, the only son of the 6th Marquis. He was educated at Eton. He was made a Captain and Adjutant of the Royal Horse Guards, and since 1906 has been in Parliament. He married Edith, daughter of Right Hon. Henry Chaplin, a royal commissioner. His heir is Viscount Castlereagh, his eldest son, now 13 years old. The family is famous through the service rendered by the third marquis, who was a distinguished officer under Wellington and a diplomat of note. The late Marquis was Viceroy of Ireland, Solicitor General for Ireland and later for England. The present Marquis makes his London home at Londonderry House, one of the most splendid private houses in England, the scene of many society events. Wynyard Park, the family country home, cost about $1,000,000 to build. Another castle is Mount Stewart, in County Down, in Ireland.

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Sick Headache.

Mrs. A. L. Luckie, East Rochester, N. Y., was a victim of sick headache and despondency, caused by a badly weakened and debilitated condition of her stomach, when she began taking Chamberlain's Tablets. She says, "I found them pleasant to take, also mild and effective. In a few weeks' time I was restored to my former good health." For sale by All dealers. x

(Adv.)


## Saved Girl's Life

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From Friday's Daily.

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 34.

A Joint resolution proposing an amendment to Article 7, Section 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for the establishment and separate maintenance of the University of Texas and fixing its permanent location in Travis County; providing for the permanent location of the medical branch of the University of Texas in Galveston County; providing for the establishment and maintenance of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas as an independent college, and providing for its permanent location in Brazos County; providing for the establishment and separate maintenance of the College of Industrial Arts and fixing its permanent location in Denton County; authorizing the establishment of junior agricultural college subsidiary to and under the government of the Agricultural and Mechanical College Board; establishing the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College, and declaring it a branch of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, and fixing its permanent location at Prairie View, in Waller County; making an equitable division of the State permanent endowment fund between the University of Texas, the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College; making an appropriation to defray the expenses of advertising the Governor's proclamation and submitting same to a vote of the people.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, Article 7, of the Constitution of Texas, be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

Section 10. The University of Texas is hereby established and permanently located in Travis County, and shall be a university of the first class. The Legislature shall provide for its organization and for its development, maintenance and permanent improvement shall make by appropriation and otherwise such provision as may be necessary for the promotion of literature and the arts and sciences, pure and applied, in a university of the first class. The affairs of the University of Texas shall be administered by its own governing board as provided by law. The present members of the board shall continue in office until the expiration of their respective terms. The location herein made of the University of Texas shall in no way affect the location of the medical branch thereof situated in Galveston County.

Sec. 11. All lands and other property granted by the Republic of State of Texas to the University of Texas, or the University of Texas and its branches, except the lands transferred by Section 13 of this Article to the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, and to the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College, shall together with the proceeds of the sale of such lands, constitute the permanent university fund. All the income derived therefrom shall be the available fund, and shall be applied to the support and development of the University of Texas and to meet its obligations. The proceeds from the sale of University lands shall be invested as authorized by law for the investment of the permanent school fund. The one-tenth of the alternate sections of lands granted to railroads, reserved by the State, which was set apart and appropriated to the establishment of the University of Texas by an act of the Legislature of February 11, 1858, entitled "An Act to establish the University of Texas" shall not be included in or constitute a part of the permanent university fund.

Sec. 12. The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas is hereby established and permanently located in Brazos County and separated from the University of Texas and constituted an independent college. The Legislature shall provide for the organization of said college and for its development, maintenance and permanent improvement, shall make by appropriation and otherwise such provision as may be necessary to accomplish the purpose of said institution, which, without excluding classical and cultural studies, shall be to teach and develop those branches of learning which relate to agriculture and the natural sciences connected therewith, the various branches of engineering, the mechanical arts and military sciences and tactics. The affairs of the Agricultural and Mechanical College shall be administered by its own governing board as provided by law. The present members of the board shall continue in office until the expiration of their respective terms. The Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College for Colored Youths is hereby established and its government and control shall continue under the governing board of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas. Provided the Legislature may establish junior agricultural colleges subsidiary to the Agricultural and Mechanical College and under the control of the Agricultural and Mechanical College Board.

Sec. 13. Of the land heretofore set apart to the University and to the University and its branches by the State of Texas, and remaining unsold, there are hereby transferred to and made a part of the permanent fund of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, six hundred thousand acres of land of average value; there are hereby transferred as a permanent fund to the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College one hundred and fifty thousand acres of land of average value; and all of the remainder of the said land shall constitute a part of the permanent fund of the University of Texas. The Legislature shall provide for the division of the land as specified herein. The land herein set apart to the University, the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College may be sold under such regulations, at such times and on such terms as may be prescribed by law. The Legislature shall provide for the prompt collection at maturity of all debts due on account of the sale of said lands, and in no event shall any relief be granted to any purchaser.

Sec. 14. All lands and other property heretofore granted or herein granted to the Agricultural and Mechanical College, together with the proceeds of the sale of such lands, shall constitute its permanent fund. All the income derived therefrom shall be the available fund and shall be applied to the support and development of the Agricultural and Mechanical College and to meet its obligations. The proceeds from the sale of the Agricultural and Mechanical College lands shall be invested as authorized by law for the investment of the permanent school fund.

Sec. 15. The College of Industrial Arts for White Girls located at Denton, in Denton County, Texas, is hereby established and recognized as an independent college, and the Legislature shall provide for its organization, maintenance, development and permanent improvement and shall make, by appropriation and otherwise, such provision in addition to that heretofore made as may be necessary for the establishment and maintenance of a first class college, for the education of white girls in the literary branches, the arts and sciences and the practical industries of the age. The college shall have its own governing board, which shall designate the officers of administration and instruction, and other employees, determine their salaries, establish departments, subdivision, libraries and laboratories and other agencies of education consistent with the objects of the college and perform such other duties as the Legislature may prescribe.

Sec. 2. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation and have same published as required by the Constitution and the laws of this State. The sum of five thousand ($5,000.00) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of publishing said proclamation and the expenses of submitting this resolution to a vote of the people.

Sec. 3. The foregoing amendment to Article 7, Sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, shall be submitted to the qualified electors of this State for its adoption or rejection at an election to be held on the fourth Saturday in July, A. D. 1915, the same being the twenty-fourth day of said month. All the voters voting on this proposed amendment at said election who favor the adoption shall have printed or written on their ballots, "For amendment to Article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for the separation of the University of the State of Texas and the Agricultural and Mechanical College and an equitable division of the university lands." All voters voting on this proposed amendment at said election who oppose its adoption shall have printed or written on their ballots the following: "Against Amendment to Article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for the separation of the University of Texas and the Agricultural and Mechanical College and an equitable division of the university lands." Previous to the election the Secretary of State shall cause to be printed and forwarded to the County Judge of each county for use in said election a sufficient number of ballots for the use voters in said county, on which shall be printed the form of ballot herein prescribed for the convenience of the voters.

John G. McKay,
Secretary of State.

(A true copy.)

### Board of Equalization.

Notice is hereby given that the Honorable County Commissioners' Court of Webb County, Texas, will convene and sit as a Board of Equalization on the fourth Monday in May, A. D. 1915, same being the 24th day of said month, for the purpose of receiving from the Assessor of Taxes of Webb County, all his assessment lists, books, etc., for their inspection, correction, equalization and approval.

Witness my hand and seal of office in Laredo, Texas, this 13th day of May, A. D. 1915.

J. A. RODRIGUEZ,
County Clerk, Webb County, Texas.
5-13-10t. (Adv.)

## KENTUCKY ELECTIONS TOMORROW.

Pikeville, Ky., May 14.—Threats of grand jury proceedings against any persons who might attempt bribery in the election in this county tomorrow have given the election unusual interest. It is a local option election, and the prohibition forces have been actively campaigning.

Maysville, Ky., May 14.—A special election will be held tomorrow in Mason County for the purpose of voting on the proposition to issue $200,000 in bonds to rebuild the four main turnpikes of the county. County Rice and a number of prominent citizens are making strenuous efforts to have the bond issue carry.

## SHOT HUSBAND AFTER LOSING DIVORCE SUIT.

Kansas City, Mo., May 14.—Mrs. Clara T. Schweiger, who shot and killed her husband, Louis L. Schweiger, in the corridor of the courthouse after her request for annulment of divorce had been refused, will be given a preliminary hearing tomorrow. The shooting took place on May 1st, and Mrs. Schweiger tried to suicide. Her husband had secured a divorce last November, and the woman had applied for annulment. She is now charged with first degree murder, and has been held in jail without bond awaiting tomorrow's hearing.

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## PERSONALS

Julio Rodriguez, Jr., returned this afternoon from Encinal.

J. B. Hazelrigg left this afternoon for a three day's business to San Antonio.

H. C. Franks, prominent railroad man of San Antonio is a guest at the Hamilton.

Hon. Asher R. Smith returned this afternoon from Austin where he has been attending the special session of the Legislature.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Yates and son, Hugh, left this afternoon for San Antonio where they are going to be with their daughter, Miss Ollie, when school closes. They expect to be gone about a week.

Dr. and Mrs. M. P. Cullinan left this afternoon for Cincinnati, Ohio. Dr. Cullinan is president of the Border Gas Company of this city and he is going to attend the Natural Gas convention that is to be held in that city. Mrs. Cullinan accompanies him for the pleasure of the trip. They expect to be away about three weeks.

BENDER:—L. A. Wilson, Dallas; Thos. Frawley, Austin; E. D. Rice, San Antonio; E. L. Warren, Tampico; J. F. Gorden, A. B. Connor, San Antonio; Wm. Casper, Dallas; Chas. T. McIntyre, W. E. Biveous, San Antonio; R. M. McWilliams, New Orleans, La.

HAMILTON:—Chas. F. Eckers, Corpus Christi; E. Blair and wife, Dallas; Chas. D. Wood, Runge; J. W. Baen, Chas. S. Baxter, San Antonio; C. E. Wieland, Houston; H. C. Franks, San Antonio; L. R. Johnston and wife, Webb; Jno. D. Eldridge, Persall; Ed. Peterson, Reiser; Jno. W. Hannum, Kansas City.

## HEAR SUIT AGAINST WESTERN FUEL.

San Francisco, Cal., May 14.—Unless further continuance is allowed by the court, the civil suit brought by the United States Government against the Western Fuel Company for $861,756.95 will be tried in the U. S. District court today. Three of the officials of the company have been convicted, but have appealed to the U. S. Court of Appeals. Sentence was pronounced on the officials on March 19, 1914. James B. Smith, vice-president, was sentenced to San Quentin prison for eighteen months and fined $5,000; Frederick C. Mills, superintendent, received an 18 months' sentence, and Edward H. Mayer, weigher, was sentenced to one year. All three are at liberty on bonds awaiting the outcome of the appeals.

### Soldiers' Queer Biscuits.

The Indian and Australian can make their own army biscuits; the former is a "chupatty," the latter "damper." A chupatty results from the mixing into a stiff paste by an Indian of flour, salt, and water, and baking it on a metal dish over a hot fire. But the Indian cook seems a necessary ingredient to make it tasty as well as nutritious.

Damper needs flour, baking powder, water and wood. A hole in the ground is the oven. Fill it with wood, and while that is burning make your dough. Then lay it on a large stone, cover it with a tin, and cover the tin with the hot wood ashes, and the result will be damper.

### Where the Slowest Lead.

When motor trucks loaded with ammunition are dispatched to the front, from a depot in the rear of the firing lines, it is now self-understood that the slowest trucks go in front, while the fastest bring up the rear. This was found necessary because of the tendency of ammunition drivers to go at top speed, when the call for shells and cartridges comes. If the slow trucks are in the rear of the column, the latter is strung out over miles of road, with great gaps between trucks—offering an inviting target for an attack by reconnoitering armored motor cars or cavalry.—Scientific American.

## MEXICO.

Out of the hell of Mexico—Mexico—
Mexico—
Out of the hell of Mexico—
There lifts the sound of wailing,
Starving children who cry for bread,
Women tortured and worse than dead,
Maidens ravished—their fathers sped,
Homes but masses of embers red.
A prayer lifts with the wailing.
Out of the hell of Mexico—Mexico—
Mexico—
Out of the hell of Mexico—
A prayer lifts with the wailing.

"Star crowned mother of liberty
Turn thine eyes from the sunrise sea,
As homeless, as hungry, as weak are we,
The smoke of whose ceaseless agony
On the Southern sky is trailing.

"Yea—and daughters and sons thine own,
Robbed and murdered, in prison thrown.
Given by thine high priest for bread a stone,
Waiting, waiting—alone—alone
The star of whose faith is paling.

"Thou hast saved them, have saved a world
From might's grim legions against it hurled,
Over the sea 'neath thy flag unfurled—
A light in the storm clouds around it whirled—
Thy ships of mercy are sailing.

"Save us, star crowned, 'the least of these
Thy brethren'; not far across the seas,
But pressing thy doorstone with bleeding knees,
Wasted by hunger and shot and disease,
The strength of whose hearts is failing!"

Out of the hell of Mexico—Mexico—
Mexico—
Out of the hell of Mexico—
Ths prayer lifts with the wailing,
Bullet holes in the form divine
Hanging over each wayside shrine,
Altars stained with life's dark wine,
Church bells silenced, the Cross supine:
Out of the hell of Mexico—Mexico—
Mexico—
Out of the hell of Mexico—
Shall it be unavailing?
—Frances Bartlett, in Boston Transcript.

## REORGANIZE BIG COAL COMPANY

Chicago, May 14.—Big financial interests, including Kuhn, Loeb & Co. of New York, are completing the reorganization of the Derring Coal Co., one of the biggest coal projects of the middle west, by the purchase of some 15,000 acres of coal lands by auction at Danville and Terre Haute. By direction of the United States courts of Danville and Indianapolis, the coal lands are being auctioned. Kuhn, Loeb & Co. recently bought some $7,000,000 worth of bonds and stocks under the hammer for $861,500. Stock to the amount of $3,349,600 brought a bid of $2,500 and claims against the defunct company aggregating $250,000 brought $200.

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Little Rock, Ark., May 14.—"Firm, decisive and right," is Governor Hays' comment on President Wilson's note.

### To Support Government.

Cleveland, Ohio, May 14.—The delegates to the "world's court" congress here, whose purpose is to promote international peace, agreed today that whatever happens the government will receive their support, even to the point of war.

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Blythe, Eng., May 14.—The captain of the steamer Collairnie, arriving today, reports that he believes he sank a German submarine in the North Sea off the Northumberland coast. He saw no submarine, but his ship struck a submerged obstacle. Subsequently large quantities of oil appeared on the surface.

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### Hasn't Accepted Resignation.

Rome, May 14.—The Italian king has not yet acted on the resignation last night of the Italian cabinet. Today he is conferring with the leaders of the great Italian parties. Among the possible results is said to be the formation of a national cabinet composed of all parties such as is conducting the war for France.

### Rioting in Milan.

Rome, May 14.—A bulletin just issued reports serious rioting in Milan because of last night's cabinet crisis. Opposing political factions are reported using firearms and the situation is grave.

## NEW FREIGHT RATE ON BULKY ARTICLES.

Washington, May 15.—A new rule relating to articles too long or too bulky to be loaded through the six-foot side door or end windows of box cars goes into effect tomorrow, by order of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Such bulky or unusually long articles will henceforth be subject to first-class rates, on a minimum of 4,000 pounds, even if carried in a car longer than standard. The ruling of the commission is for the sake of uniformity.

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By Associated Press.

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## SOUTHERN BAPTISTS' PLEDGE.

By Associated Press.

Houston, Texas, May 14.—The Southern Baptists today pledge raising $1,065,000 the coming year for home and foreign missions.

## SANCTIONS THAW TRIAL.

By Associated Press.

New York, May 14.—The higher court today sanctioned an insanity trial for Harry Thaw.

## WARSHIP FOR AMERICANS.

By Associated Press.

Los Angeles, Calif., May 14.—The navy department is sending a warship to the succor of the American colony at Esperanza, where they are attacked by Yaquis.

## GEORGIA OSTEOPATHS MEET.

Cordele, Ga., May 14.—Among the prominent speakers who have come to the annual conference of the Osteopaths of Georgia, which opened here today, are Dr. Louisa Burns, secretary of the A. T. Still Research Institute of Chicago and Dr. W. Banks Beacham of Asheville. Dr. Burns will speak to the convention today and later will address the matrons and young ladies of the city on the problems of growing girls. Over a hundred osteopaths are attending the meeting. They will be banqueted tonight by Dr. J. W. Elliott, president of the association.

## FIGHTING GIBSON BILL.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, May The opponents of the Gibson bill have not abandoned hope of defeating it despite its engrossment last night by a vote of 64 to 56. They announce that they will fight it on final passage.

## PHONE REGULATION IN NORTHWEST.

Seattle, Washn., May 14.—The Public Service Commission of Washington has called a public hearing for tomorrow on the valuation of Washington plants of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, as a prelimary step to regulation of rates and charges in this state. The case will probably occupy two or three weeks. Engineers employed by the state have been engaged for the past two years in taking the physical inventories of the plants.

## JUDGE LEADS BOYS ON ALL NIGHT HIKE.

Minneapolis, Minn., May 14.—Judge E. F. Waite of the juvenile court will lead the all night march of the Coming Men of America, which will start tomorrow evening. The route for the march will not be announced until time for the start. The allnight expedition by the boys has created great interest in the juvenile order, and a big line-up of St. Paul and Minneapolis boys will be on hand.

## U. S. TO SEND DOCTORS TO ESKIMOS.

Seattle, Washn., May 14.—The coast guard cutter Manning, which has been doing patrol duty off Alaska, will be fitted out here for a Bering sea cruiser. The cutter will arrive tomorrow. On her next cruise, the Manning will visit the out-of-the-way settlements nofth of the artic circle in the vicinity of Point Barrow. These settlements are seldom visited by white men. During her call, the Manning will furnish government surgeons for the sick.

The cutter will leave here about July 1, returning a month later to go to San Francisco where she will represent the Coast Guard at the Exposition, replacing the McCullough, which is to take the U. S. District Court judges for Alaska on the annual visit to Alaskan points for the hearing of civil and criminal cases.

### Chamberlain's Liniment.

This preparation is intended especially for rheumatism, lame back, sprains and like ailments. It is a favorite with people who are well acquainted with its splendid qualities. Mrs. Charles Tanner, Wabash, Ind., says of it, "I found Chamberlain's Liniment the best thing for lame back and sprains I have ever used. It works like a charm and relieves pain and soreness. It has been used by others of my family as well as myself for upwards of twenty years." 25 and 50 cent bottles. For sale by all dealers.

(Adv.)

From Friday's Daily.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
No. 34.

A Joint resolution proposing an amendment to Article 7, Section 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for the establishment and separate maintenance of the University of Texas and fixing its permanent location in Travis County; providing for the permanent location of the medical branch of the University of Texas in Galveston County; providing for the establishment and maintenance of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas as an independent college, and providing for its permanent location in Brazos County; providing for the establishment and separate maintenance of the College of Industrial Arts and fixing its permanent location in Denton County; authorizing the establishment of junior agricultural college subsidiary to and under the government of the Agricultural and Mechanical College Board; establishing the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College, and declaring it a branch of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, and fixing its permanent location at Prairie View, in Waller County; making an equitable division of the State permanent endowment fund between the University of Texas, the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College; making an appropriation to defray the expenses of advertising the Governor's proclamation and submitting same to a vote of the people.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

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John G. McKay,
Secretary of State.

(A true copy.)

### Board of Equalization.

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Witness my hand and seal of office in Laredo, Texas, this 13th day of May, A. D. 1915.

J. A. RODRIGUEZ,
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5-13-10t. (Adv.)

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Kansas City, Mo., May 14.—Mrs. Clara T. Schweiger, who shot and killed her husband, Louis L. Schweiger, in the corridor of the courthouse after her request for annulment of divorce had been refused, will be given a preliminary hearing tomorrow. The shooting took place on May 1st, and Mrs. Schweiger tried to suicide. Her husband had secured a divorce last November, and the woman had applied for annulment. She is now charged with first degree murder, and has been held in jail without bond awaiting tomorrow's hearing.

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J. B. Hazelrigg left this afternoon for a three day's business to San Antonio.

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BENDER:—L. A. Wilson, Dallas; Thos. Frawley, Austin; E. D. Rice, San Antonio; E. L. Warren, Tampico; J. F. Gorden, A. B. Connor, San Antonio; Wm. Casper, Dallas; Chas. T. McIntyre, W. E. Biveous, San Antonio; R. M. McWilliams, New Orleans, La.

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San Francisco, Cal., May 14.—Unless further continuance is allowed by the court, the civil suit brought by the United States Government against the Western Fuel Company for $861,756.95 will be tried in the U. S. District court today. Three of the officials of the company have been convicted, but have appealed to the U. S. Court of Appeals. Sentence was pronounced on the officials on March 19, 1914. James B. Smith, vice-president, was sentenced to San Quentin prison for eighteen months and fined $5,000; Frederick C. Mills, superintendent, received an 18 months' sentence, and Edward H. Mayer, weigher, was sentenced to one year. All three are at liberty on bonds awaiting the outcome of the appeals.

### Soldiers' Queer Biscuits.

The Indian and Australian can make their own army biscuits; the former is a "chupatty," the latter "damper." A chupatty results from the mixing into a stiff paste by an Indian of flour, salt, and water, and baking it on a metal dish over a hot fire. But the Indian cook seems a necessary ingredient to make it tasty as well as nutritious.

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Out of the hell of Mexico—Mexico—
Mexico—
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There lifts the sound of wailing,
Starving children who cry for bread,
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Homes but masses of embers red.
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"Star crowned mother of liberty
Turn thine eyes from the sunrise sea,
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On the Southern sky is trailing.

"Yea—and daughters and sons thine own,
Robbed and murdered, in prison thrown.
Given by thine high priest for bread a stone,
Waiting, waiting—alone—alone
The star of whose faith is paling.

"Thou hast saved them, have saved a world
From might's grim legions against it hurled,
Over the sea 'neath thy flag unfurled—
A light in the storm clouds around it whirled—
Thy ships of mercy are sailing.

"Save us, star crowned, 'the least of these
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But pressing thy doorstone with bleeding knees,
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Although criticizing more freely than the American papers, the German-American papers also discuss the possibility of war with Germany more frankly. While these German papers do not predict war, they seem unanimous that the German-Americans would fight loyally for the United States.

The New York American says: "The president's letter is undeniably vigorous, but it is possibly dangerous as well." The American thinks the note went so far as to invite a rebuff from Germany.

### Against Submarine Use.

Washington, May 14.—Two outstanding points in President Wilson's note are the firm call upon Germany to disavow the acts of her submarine commanders in torpedoing the Lusitania and the Gulflight and the declaration that the United States opposes the use of the submarine as a commerce destroyer. The United States says that it is practically impossible to use the submarine as a destroyer of merchantmen without disregarding innocent lives. Officials here believe that this means the United States intends in future international conferences to try to eliminate submarine use against merchantmen.

### Firm, Decisive and Right.

Little Rock, Ark., May 14.—"Firm, decisive and right," is Governor Hays' comment on President Wilson's note.

### To Support Government.

Cleveland, Ohio, May 14.—The delegates to the "world's court" congress here, whose purpose is to promote international peace, agreed today that whatever happens the government will receive their support, even to the point of war.

### Sank German Submarine?

Blythe, Eng., May 14.—The captain of the steamer Collairnie, arriving today, reports that he believes he sank a German submarine in the North Sea off the Northumberland coast. He saw no submarine, but his ship struck a submerged obstacle. Subsequently large quantities of oil appeared on the surface.

### Russians Checked Germans.

Petrograd, May 14.—The Russians have fallen back on a strong strategic position on the River San. They now regard the German drive through west Galicia as permanently checked.

### Occupied German Trenches.

Paris, May 14.—The official statement today says that despite the rainy night the French occupied several more German trenches southwest of Souchez last night. In the Aisne valley French artillery destroyed four German blockhouses and levelled several German trenches.

### Official Statements Agree.

London, May 14.—For the first time in six months the German and French official statements agree today. The Germans admit the truth of Joffre's most important claims of French successes between La Basse and Arras. To the northward the British are doing little more than holding their own, but are keeping busy great masses of Germans.

### Hasn't Accepted Resignation.

Rome, May 14.—The Italian king has not yet acted on the resignation last night of the Italian cabinet. Today he is conferring with the leaders of the great Italian parties. Among the possible results is said to be the formation of a national cabinet composed of all parties such as is conducting the war for France.

## NEW FREIGHT RATE ON BULKY ARTICLES.

Washington, May 15.—A new rule relating to articles too long or too bulky to be loaded through the six-foot side door or end windows of box cars goes into effect tomorrow, by order of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Such bulky or unusually long articles will henceforth be subject to first-class rates, on a minimum of 4,000 pounds, even if carried in a car longer than standard. The ruling of the commission is for the sake of uniformity.

# ARRESTED FORMER CAPTAIN OF MILITIA

## BROWNSVILLE MAN HELD TO FEDERAL COURT ON CHARGE OF SELLING GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.

By Associated Press.

Brownsville, Texas, May 14.—Former Captain George Head of the Texas National Guard today was bound over in $5,000 bail to the federal court charged with conspiracy to defraud the government by selling property of the Texas National Guard. A warrant was issued for the arrest of Col. E. E. Walker, former assistant quartermaster general, on a similar charge.

## SOUTHERN BAPTISTS' PLEDGE.

By Associated Press.

Houston, Texas, May 14.—The Southern Baptists today pledge raising $1,065,000 the coming year for home and foreign missions.

## SANCTIONS THAW TRIAL.

By Associated Press.

New York, May 14.—The higher court today sanctioned an insanity trial for Harry Thaw.

## WARSHIP FOR AMERICANS.

By Associated Press.

Los Angeles, Calif., May 14.—The navy department is sending a warship to the succor of the American colony at Esperanza, where they are attacked by Yaquis.

## GEORGIA OSTEOPATHS MEET.

Cordele, Ga., May 14.—Among the prominent speakers who have come to the annual conference of the Osteopaths of Georgia, which opened here today, are Dr. Louisa Burns, secretary of the A. T. Still Research Institute of Chicago and Dr. W. Banks Beacham of Asheville. Dr. Burns will speak to the convention today and later will address the matrons and young ladies of the city on the problems of growing girls. Over a hundred osteopaths are attending the meeting. They will be banqueted tonight by Dr. J. W. Elliott, president of the association.

## FIGHTING GIBSON BILL.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, May The opponents of the Gibson bill have not abandoned hope of defeating it despite its engrossment last night by a vote of 64 to 56. They announce that they will fight it on final passage.

## PHONE REGULATION IN NORTHWEST.

Seattle, Washn., May 14.—The Public Service Commission of Washington has called a public hearing for tomorrow on the valuation of Washington plants of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, as a prelimary step to regulation of rates and charges in this state. The case will probably occupy two or three weeks. Engineers employed by the state have been engaged for the past two years in taking the physical inventories of the plants.

## JUDGE LEADS BOYS ON ALL NIGHT HIKE.

Minneapolis, Minn., May 14.—Judge E. F. Waite of the juvenile court will lead the all night march of the Coming Men of America, which will start tomorrow evening. The route for the march will not be announced until time for the start. The allnight expedition by the boys has created great interest in the juvenile order, and a big line-up of St. Paul and Minneapolis boys will be on hand.

## U. S. TO SEND DOCTORS TO ESKIMOS.

Seattle, Washn., May 14.—The coast guard cutter Manning, which has been doing patrol duty off Alaska, will be fitted out here for a Bering sea cruiser. The cutter will arrive tomorrow. On her next cruise, the Manning will visit the out-of-the-way settlements nofth of the artic circle in the vicinity of Point Barrow. These settlements are seldom visited by white men. During her call, the Manning will furnish government surgeons for the sick.

The cutter will leave here about July 1, returning a month later to go to San Francisco where she will represent the Coast Guard at the Exposition, replacing the McCullough, which is to take the U. S. District Court judges for Alaska on the annual visit to Alaskan points for the hearing of civil and criminal cases.

### Chamberlain's Liniment.

This preparation is intended especially for rheumatism, lame back, sprains and like ailments. It is a favorite with people who are well acquainted with its splendid qualities. Mrs. Charles Tanner, Wabash, Ind., says of it, "I found Chamberlain's Liniment the best thing for lame back and sprains I have ever used. It works like a charm and relieves pain and soreness. It has been used by others of my family as well as myself for upwards of twenty years." 25 and 50 cent bottles. For sale by all dealers.

(Adv.)

From Saturday's Daily.

## AN OBSTINATE ATTITUDE.

Despite the statement from officials presumed to be thoroughly informed that Germany would firmly resist the demands of our government, there is reason to believe that least of all nations at present does Germany desire war with the United States.

A German correspondent—at least German in name—wiring from Berlin says that the food situation in both Germany and Austria "is not so rosy as painted," and that the German authorities have ordered stock-taking of all potatoes in Germany, especially of all families and hotels possessed of more than twenty pounds, while the Austrian government has restricted the sale of meat to five days.

It is known in Washington that the German ambassador has received instructions to, so far as he can, avoid a contingency which would mean a suspension of diplomatic relations, in which he is to be backed up in the fullest degree by Berlin.

The Germans are still determined to offer "apology and reparation" for the Lusitania affair, but give no guarantee for the safety of Americans under belligerent flags.

This of course is out of the question, as Mr. Wilson's note is so emphatically worded that there can be no side-stepping or evasion on the part of Germany. She MUST agree to the demands of the United States —or stand the consequences.

Just what those consequences will be, Mr. Wilson did not state in his note, but German officials, as well as those of our own government, are well aware that the "consequences" will be in the final accounting WAR, and war to a finish.

Least of all nations—except perhaps Austria—is Germany prepared for war with this country at the present moment. Her armies in the field have had no successes worth mentioning. They have made an absolute failure of all their campaigns save the one wsich ousted the Russians from East Prussia.

They are beset in Belgium and France, their drive through Galicia has met with a decided check, they are about to be again invaded in Prussia and their final reserves are being called to the colors. They are feeding large numbers of prisoners, in addition to their own incapacitated wounded, and the soldiers in the field are feeling the pinch of hunger now that the foraging is not so successful as at the first of the war.

Should war ensue with this country, the Germans would lose their only source of supply, and the German liners now in many of our ports would be seized and used as American transports, instead of being possible aids to the German forces.

In their complaint against the the English blockade the Germans state that the submarines form their only naval arm against the British and French warships while their own fleet has remained bottled up in the Baltic, where it is of not the slightest use.

To transport soldiers to the United States would be out of the question, while the aid that this country could give the allies would result in the long-promised invasion of German soil.

The withdrawal of troops to defend their own frontier would result in the abandonment of the campaign against the allies, besides costing more than it is worth in the relinquishment of the territory which they now hold in Belgium and France.

Without additional troops, with a rapidly failing food supply, with no navy worth mentioning and with the combined force of nearly all the world against her, Germany would face utter annihilation, with the certainty of her enemies dictating the peace terms when she is finally conquered.

Certainly, Germany wants no war with the United States at this time.

## THOSE UPLIFTERS.

State Topics is moved to pour out the vials of its wrath on the crusaders who have made a fertile field of Houston for some time past. Jeff: McLemore, the editor, says:

"In Houston it's just one old 'crusade' after another, the 'uplifters' being ever on the move. First and last we have had the Anti-Saloon League; then the Men and Religion Forwardors; then the Southern Industrial Congress; then the Flying Squadron; then the Movement to Put Houston and the Houston Country on the Map, and last, but by no means least, the Health Crusaders, otherwise known as the Southern Sociological Congress. It's any old thing to convince the people that they are all wrong and have been wrong all of their years."

But it will not do to take these people too seriously, Jeff:, and no one is better aware of it than yourself. While they do succeed in "fooling a part of the people all the time and all the people part of the time," as the immortal Lincoln said, they cannot fool all the people all the time.

There is something typical about the average "uplifter." He can be told from afar off, as a rule, by his keen scent for the filthy lucre. He does not always snuffle and wear a mournful countenance. Sometimes he is bold and brazen, as for instance, Billy Sunday. But the way to tell him from the real, earnest man who is not professionally in the "uplift" business is to bait your hook with shining gold; the one who greedily takes it is the one to beware of.

The crusader business is as old as the everlasting hills. From the time of the most ancient days down to the present the "uplifters" have existed. The ancient Hebrews who "converted" the heathen at the point of the sword, the Mohammedans who killed the men and saved the women for conversion to their faith, the crusaders who laid waste the Holy Land with fire and battle-axe—all have their types in this modern age.

And not all of those who are waging the war of "uplift" are searching for the corn, wine and oil. Some of them are content to go about as poorly clad as was their Master, and if they win through life without accumulating any of this world's riches, they are content so long as they have been of use for the Kingdom.

There is another way to tell the professional "uplifter." He usually ranges far from home. For him the foreign field—with the accent on the field—and the farther away from home he gets, the greater his success.

If there were any real heart in his doctrine, he would try to "uplift" those nearest to him. There is not the slightest doubt that there are as many people in Tennessee and Alabama in need of conversion as there are in Texas, but you don't find the Hon. Ham Patterson or the equally Hon. Richmond Hobson working at home. No, indeed; for them the green fields and pastures fresh of an unknown country—the people are apt to be greener also.

The Anahuac Progress says that Billy Sunday is a better advertiser than P. T. Barnum ever was; the latter never thought of using Christ's name in his advertising.

The way to do away with these professional "uplifters" is to stop the supplies. The temperance workers in former years carried banners inscribed with the good advice: "Wean the calf and the cow will go dry." What better advice with regard to the crusaders who are living on the fat of the land—paid for by others?

Charity is said to cover a multitude of sins. And the worst of it is that in many cases it covers the sins of the people to whom it is given, and not those of the givers. Stop the supplies and the crusades will end. There are few of them which are self-supporting. And the really earnest crusaders do not demand a well-padded subscription list before they begin work. They are willing to trust to the Lord and the charity of the people for whose benefit they are really working.

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The Italian cabinet has resigned and a crisis is reported. Why don't Italy fish or cut bait, one?

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The Southern Baptists are going to raise over a million dollars for home and foreign missions the coming year. It must hurt George Bailey's Sons of Rest to think that they will never get a cent of it.

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An American warship is going to Esperanza to succor the American colony there, who are attacked by Yaquis. What a blessing it is to remember that neither Carranza nor Villa has any submarines!

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Delegates to the peace congress in Cleveland who are trying to establish an international court agree that whatever happens they will support the government, even to the point of war. That's what all Americans will do, even the hyphenated ones, bless 'em.

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For the first time in six months the German and French official reports agreed yesterday. Can it be that Germany is trying to snuggle up to France in case of trouble with this country?

## UNIVERSITY GRADUATES CELEBRATE.

Palo Alto, Calif., May 15.—In celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the first graduation at Leland Stanford, Jr., University, graduates of each of the classes since that first graduated met today in a monster reunion. Today is set aside in the commencement programme as Alumni Day, and a banquet of each of the classes will be held. The graduates will go in a body to the San Francisco Exposition, returning for the commencement exercises on Monday.

## THIS DATE IN HISTORY

MAY 15.

1213—King John, oppressed with guilt and despair, resigned the kingdoms of England and Ireland to the Pope.

1571—Burning of Moscow by the Tartars; 200,000 inhabitants perished.

1618—Kepler discovered the periodical motion of the planets.

1775—Congress passed a resolve to issue paper money.

1797—Extra session of Congress met to consider the strained relations with France.

1847—Daniel O'Connell, famous Irish patriot and liberator, died in Genoa, Italy.

1877—Ex-President Grant sailed from Philadelphia for his trip around the world.

1889—London University conferred its M. D. degree on a woman, for first time.

1904—Japanese warship "Hatsuse" sunk by a mine off Port Arthur.

1912—Christian X proclaimed King of Denmark.

1914—Col. Benavides elected provisional president of Peru.

### What Advertising Did.

The success of a Chicago firm in clearing up an indebtedness of $175,000 within eight years was due to newspaper advertising, was the statement of F. B. Schwartz, vice president of the Charles M. Fuller Company of Chicago, Wednesday at the noon hour luncheon of the Fort Worth Ad Men's Club. Yet there are many men in business who claim to have good business judgement that will not advertise when business is dull, and, and the only excuse they will offer is that they must cut down expenses on acount of light business. —Bonham Favorite.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 50c. per month.

## VOICE OF TEXAS.

### Little Reporter.

The Lone Star is a little magazine printed at the Texas School for the Deaf (Austin,) and among the pupils' items in the current number appeared this specimen of succinct reporting:

It rained very hard a few days ago. Some people were drowned. The water washed many houses away. Mrs. Richardson was afraid her little chickens would drown. She put them into the barn. They did not drown. Some of Mr. Davis' little chickens were drowned.

Oh, little reporter—little deaf and dubm reporter, whose years are so few and whose experiences so far so little sorrowful—yours is the tiny cup so readily filled with blessings! To you the tragedy of the chickens seemed worthy to be put into the same paragraph with the really heart-wringing dramas of the flood. There are for you compensations in the silent life you lead. Few or none of your ships are Lusitanias, and while many others are tossed and torn upon thunderous seas your little craft sails smoothly, your chart and compass reposing in the hollow of the Almighty hand. Though your lips be still, your message does not fall short the ear of God, and though your ears be sealed the Choir Invisible choruses in your soul. Oh, little deaf and dumb reporter, the world is so small to you that heaven bends down close above your head!—Galveston News.

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### Plenty of Prunes.

Dabney White, who has a ginners' mutual fire insurance association, is wasting so much real good money sending out press agent letters that we wonder how it is that he is still able to buy more prunes than anybody else in Tyler.—Sealy News.

Prunes are cheap if one is justified in judging by the number and kind of persons who manage to never go hungry for that popular confection.—Austin American.

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### We'll be Safer.

And, looking at it from a strictly selfish standpoint, if Japan forces China into a war and if Japan takes some of the Chinese territory Japan will get what it wants on that side of the water and will have less occasion to look with envy on the domain of any other country.—Beaumont Journal.

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### Or Drink Soda.

"When a man gets started on the down grade there is no telling where he will stop," says Homer Hoch. "I knew a man who started by simply cussing a little, then he got to mixing with booze, and the last we heard of him he had taken to eating carrots." About the next report will chronicle his finish in the fatal golf-cap stage.—Austin American.

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### Used to Skinning.

Of course, seven rabbits were actually skinned by a hard wind in Texas the other day; but that's nothing—just note the big bunch of gullible humans who are being fleeced every day in Texas by a little hot air! And have not started yet to buy oil stock.—San Marcos Times-Herald.

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### Moving Picture Name.

Among the notables now visiting in New York is His Highness Farzan Dilbund Rasikue-Iti-kad daulat-i-Inglishia, Rajah-i-Rajagan, Ratja Jagat Jit Singh Bahadur, Maharajah of Karpurthala. While not definitely known, it is assumed that his calling card must be in the form of a roll of film.—Port Arthur News.

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### Saved Much Hot Air.

Another thing which we have to be thankful for is that congress was not in session when the Lusitania went down.—Waco News.

## URGE U. S. PURCHASE OF LOWER CALIFORNIA.

Washington, May 15.—Recent developments in the international situation have revived discussion of the proposal for the purchase by the United States of Lower California from Mexico. That this tongue of land is so separated from Mexico and so geographically a part of the United States coast line on the Pacific is the reason assigned by early proponents of the purchase. The present-day attraction is Magdalena Bay, which is of strategic value to the United States, and possesses one of the best harbors on the Coast. Lower California possesses vast mineral wealth in gold, silver, iron, copper, lead and other deposits. By irrigation a vast portion of its now valueless arid lands could, it is thought, be transformed into agricultural land of high value.

On the resumption of responsible government in Mexico, it is said here that it is not unlikely that proposals looking to the purchase will be made.

## DISCOVERED.

Those who have been worrying their heads sore in an effort to discover the real cause of the European war will welcome the following statement of the origin of the trouble as described by a young Chinaman who edits L'Echo de Chine, in Shanghai:

Now there is great battle in Europe. This began because the Prince of Austria went to Serbia with his wife. One man of Serbia killed him. Austria was angry and so write Serbia. Germany write letter to Austria, "I will help you." France did not want fight, but they got ready their soldiers. Germany write letter to France, "You don't get ready, or I will fight you in nine hours." Germany to fight them, pass Belgium. Belgium says, "I am a country; I am not a road." And Belgium write letter to England about Germany to help them. So England help Belgium.

For Neat and Accurate Job Work ring up 43.

# TRAIN SERVICE STALLED AS RESULT OF ACTIVITIES

## OF CARRANZA FORCES BETWEEN MONTEREY AND EAGLE PASS.

### Train Service to Monterey From Eagle Pass Reported Not Safe After Today Says Party Arriving Here.

Dr. G. B. Watson, who left here several weeks ago for San Antonio and Eagle Pass, returned to Laredo this morning on a short visit. While away Doctor Watson made a trip from Eagle Pass to Monterey, where he went in connection with the Tampico oil fields.

He states that the trip by railroad from Eagle Pass to Monterey was made with absolute safety, he leaving Monterey on Wednesday on his return to Eagle Pass. Announcement was made in Monterey on the day of his departure, however, that the Villistas would not guarantee train service after today on account of the activities of the Carrancistas in the intervening country between Monterey and Saltillo.

At Monterey it was learned that the Carranza forces which several weeks ago left Nuevo Laredo for the southward, supposedly for the vicinity of Monterey, had made a detour of that city and passed to the country near where large forces of Carrancistas were mobilized and have since joined the army of General Obregon, which is now engaged in battle with General Villa, according to latest reports emanating from Aguascalientes. Otherwise than the hostilities between the Villa and Obregon forces the revolution activities in Central Mexico are reported as in a condition of statu quo.

### Board of Equalization.

Notice is hereby given that the Honorable County Commissioners' Court of Webb County, Texas, will convene and sit as a Board of Equalization on the fourth Monday in May, A. D. 1915, same being the 24th day of said month, for the purpose of receiving from the Assessor of Taxes of Webb County, all his assessment lists, books, etc., for their inspection, correction, equalization and approval.

Witness my hand and seal of office in Laredo, Texas, this 13th day of May, A. D. 1915.

J. A. RODRIGUEZ,
County Clerk, Webb County, Texas.
5-13-10t. (Adv.)

## THE NEW WOODMEN LODGE.

### Will be Formally Organized in This City Next Sunday Morning by Deputy C. Woods Who Comes Here.

Olive Camp, the new lodge of the Woodmen of the World recently instituted in this city, will be formally organized at a meeting to be held at the Knights of Pythias hall on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, the organizing and installing officer being Deputy C. Woods, who comes here especially for the purpose and who will remain in Laredo until July getting the lodge in working order.

The new lodge starts out with a charter membership of about eighty and has fair promise of becoming one of the largest fraternal organizations in the city. After the lodge is formally instituted by Deputy Woods a charter will be secured, officers elected for the ensuing term and the lodge put on a substantial working basis. All those who have signed the charter membership roll of the new lodge are requested to be in attendance at the meeting Sunday morning.

### Notice to the Public.

At the southeast corner of the market building on the outside you will find fish, oysters, boiled crabs and all articles usually kept in a delicatessen, such as lunches of boiled ham, Swiss, brick and American cheese, corned beef, junch tongue, pickled herring, salmon, sardines (American, French and Norwegian) in oil or tomato sauce. Short orders of all kinds served promptly. Fresh butter milk daily. The best French drip coffee in Laredo.

J. W. HOPKNS, (Shorty.)
2-9-tf (Adv.)

## RIO GRANDE BAPTIST MEETING.

### Fifth Sunday Meeting Will be Held at Creath Memorial Church in Laredo on May 27. 28 and 29.

The Fifth Sunday meeting of the Rio Grande Baptist Association; embracing a session covering three days, May 27, 28 and 29, and terminating on Sunday, May 30, will be convened at Creath Memorial Baptist church in this city on the evening of Thursday, May 27.

This association comprises the Baptist churches of this entire Rio Grande section of Southwest Texas and numerous delegates will be here to attend the daily and nightly meetings which will be held. A number of visiting ministers have been assigned sermons and various subjects for discussion on the threee-day program and a most interesting meeting is anticipated by all concerned.

### Well Drilling.

There may be oil on your land. If there is I can cand find it. I have the drilling outfit that will go the depth. Phone 170.

LEO EISTETTER.
5-12-12t. (Adv.)

**BETTER THAN SPANKING**

Spanking does not cure children of bed-wetting. There is a constitutional cause for this trouble. Mrs. M. Summers, Box W, Notre Dame, Ind., will send free to any mother her successful home treatment, with full instructions. Send no money, but write her today if your children trouble you in this way. Don't blame the child, the chances are it can't help it. This treatment also cures adults and aged people troubled with urine difficulties by day or night.
(Adv.)

# PIETROLATI TOOK STAND IN HIS OWN BEHALF TODAY

## MAN AVOWED THAT KILLING OF MARTINEZ WAS ACCIDENTAL.

### State Finished Testimony Yesterday Afternoon and Defense at Noon Today; Arguments Begin.

After summoning a second special venire to appear at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the work of securing a complete jury to try the case of Pilede Pietrolati, charged with the killing of Lucio Martinez, was completed at 4:20 o'clock, when the twelfth jury was qualified and sworn in. The complete jury is composed of C. C. Burr, L. L. Leyendecker, Rafael Flores, Clarence Jefferies, Chas. Phillips, A. Saft, W. J. Carpenter, Victor Salinas, D. A. Lampman, L. F. Ochoa and Alonzo Barrera.

The state introduced all its testimony yesterday afternoon, this including the evidence given by Lazaro Gonzales, Juan Solis, Jesus Solis, Francisco Galvan, Dolores Valdez and Marcial Zapata, all of whom were eye-witnesses to the killing and were in the pool room at the time, with the exception of Zapata, the constable who arrested Pietrolati. At 5:50 yesterday afternoon the state rested her case and court adjourned until 9 o'clock this morning.

When court reconvened this morning the defense put several witnesses on the stand, while the defendant also testified in his own behalf, telling his story to the jury through an interpreter, Fred Leber. He claimed that he and Martinez were intimate friends and that he was handing him the pistol to pawn it when the weapon was accidentally discharged. Several witnesses testified that Pietrolati had endeavored to try and sell the pistol to them during the daytime of the date on which the killing occurred.

The testimony was concluded at noon and this afternoon at 2 o'clock arguments will begin. The case will probably go to the jury shortly after 3 o'clock and a verdict is expected within a short time thereafter.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

### O. Pratt and T. A. Coleman Sell 1280 Acres of Webb County Land to H H. Jefferies for $6,173.

Several deeds showing transfers of Laredo and Webb county realty were filed for record with the county clerk yesterday afternoon, the most important of which was the conveyance of two sections of pasturage land to H. H. Jefferies, those making the sale being O. Pratt and T. A. Coleman. The land involved in the deal were Sections 434 and 1552, each containing 640 acres, or a total of 1280 acres. The consideration was $6,173.

The other deeds filed for record yesterday afternoon were the following:

T. S. Foster to his wife, Mrs. Bettie Foster, lots Nos. 3 and 7, in block No. 207, W. D. Consideration, $700, love and affection.

Santiago Ugarte to Justina Ugarte, lot No. 7, in block No. 267, W. D., and lot No. 8, in block No. 93, E. D. Consideration, $90.

T. A. Bunn to Harriet Bridgeforth, lot No. 10, in block No. 703, E. D. Consideration, $100.

### Operation Proved a Success.

Fred Buenz, the 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John O. Buenz is now on the road to recovery and restoration to health following a delicate operation performed on him in San Antonio recently. The young man had been suffering from an internal trouble for some time past and was taken to San Antonio recently and underwent a successful operation. Mrs. Buenz will go to San Antonio early next week to bring her son back to Laredo with her.

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(Adv.)

## RETAIL MERCHANTS MEETING.

### Board of Directors Met Yesterday and Discussed Matters of Import to the Body.

The board of directors of the Laredo Retail Merchants Association met yesterday evening at 3:30 o'clock on call of the president.

The work of compiling done so far by the secretary was reviewed. The work in this respect is well advanced, so much to that by the first part of June ratings for 4,000 or more names will be on file in the office of the association for the use of members.

It was decided at the meeting that a general meeting of all the members, or in other words, a "get-together" smoker, will be held some time between the first and the tenth of June, the exact date to be announced later.

The purpose of the meeting is to bring all the members of the association together and have the workings of the same better understood, as the very life of this important work depends on the co-operation of each individual member; explain the work already accomplished and what it is expected will be accomplished in the future, and bring before the entire membership several important matters, especially the question of having employes of members of this association pay just obligations incurred with other members.

## AN EVENING OF GRAND OPERA.

### Performance for Benefit of Laredo Library Was Good in Every Respect.

The "Evening of Grand Opera" at Market Hall last night was a decided triumph for Mrs. D. F. Anderson, the indefatigable teacher, and for her pupils it was an artistic and musical success, as well as for those who assisted in the performance.

Space is too limited to give the entire program in detail, but it is sufficient to say that every act was surprisingly good for amateurs and in some respects their work was equal to that of trained professionals. They were all at perfect ease, which was proof of their long and earnest training, and they lacked that nervousness which is usually the mark of amateurs.

Among the especially difficult features of the program was the singing of Miss Courtney Slaughter as the mechanical doll. The part calls for the most difficult of all attempts, even to the professional singer—that of singing in "half voice," such as might be expected of a mechanical toy, and Miss Slaughter's rendition of the song, especially when one considers her extreme youth, was marvelous.

The singing of Miss Ethel Mackin as Cherubino the page, in "The Marriage of Figaro," was so well received that she was obliged to repeat her song, and the entire performance was pleasing to the audience, among whom were many of our most accomplished musicians.

Tonight the performance will be repeated, but it is not likely that it will be any more finished or excellent than the first night, which is something unusual in the line of amateur performances.

Mrs. Anderson is to be congratulated on the progress of her pupils, as well as complimented upon her earnest and conscientious work. Especial credit is due Mrs. C. G. Gatewood (Miss Charlotte Pierce), who charmingly rendered the entre-act selections, and whose work as a finished vocalist needs no mention in Laredo. Mr. Notzon did good work in his violin accompaniments to the vocal music, while Mrs. Anderson was, as always, at her best at the piano

## ACCEPTS POSITION CHIEF CLERK

### M. W. Brennan Has Been Appointed to Succeed Late D. H. Hickey With Texas-Mexican Railway.

Announcement was made today of the appointment of M. W. Brennan as chief clerk in the office of C. M. Fish, general freight and passenger agent of the Texas-Mexican Ry. Co., succeeding to the position made vacant by the recent death of Dan H. Hickey. Mr. Brennan will assume charge of his duties as chief clerk on Monday morning.

Mr. Brennan is a man possessing every necessary qualification to fill the office with credit, being a railroad man of extensive experience and for the past 24 years being in the employ of either the Texas-Mexican or the National Lines of Mexico, being with the latter road when possession of same passed to the revolutionists of Mexico. He started as office boy with the Texas-Mexican in this city 24 years ago, later he was promoted to a clerical position in the freight office. Then he was made chief clerk of the joint office in this city and from that position was promoted to agent of the National Lines in Nuevo Laredo. Later he was made joint agent and customs agent at Nuevo Laredo and held this latter position at the time that the National Lines ceased to exist under that name and was taken charge of by the Mexican revolutionists following the downfall of the Huerta regime.

### Out of Danger.

Mrs. Reyes, estimable wife of Don Emilio Reyes, the Administrador del Timbre in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, was dangerously ill for several days, but The Times is pleased to learn that she is now out of danger and on the road to recovery.

## THIS IS MY 46th BIRTHDAY

### HENRY MATSON WAITE.

Henry Matson Waite, city manager of Dayton, Ohio, who is running the city's business on modern business lines and is making a success of it, is 46 years old today. A little over a year ago Mr. Waite, who is an experienced railroad man and engineer, undertook the unique job of managing the city business of Dayton. He selects the men who have charge of various branches of the business of city work, and holds them accountable. He is answerable to the non-partisan commissioners elected by the people. Mr. Waite was born at Toledo, May 15, 1869, was graduated from Mass. Institute of Technology, and spent ten years in railroad work. He then became a coal engineer, and later became chief engineer of public works in Cincinnati. In regard to the continued success of this new form of city government, he declareds: "Its permanency depends upon intelligent citizenship, and their continued determination to keep partisan politics out of municipal affairs."

### A Sluggish Liver Needs Attention.

Let your Liver get torpid and you are in for a spell of misery. Everybody gets an attack now and then. Thousands of people keep their Livers active and healthy by using Dr. King's New Life Pills. Fine for the Stomach, too. Stop the Dizziness, Constipation, Biliousness and Indigestion. Clear the blood. Only 25c. at Your Druggist.
(Adv.)

## PERSONALS

W E. Schmidt of the Graham Paper Company arrived in the city this morning.

A. O. Coleman and wife of Encinal are guests at the Hamilton.

Misses Clara and Ollie Dannelley of Hebbronville are guests at the Hamilton.

Miss Anita Johnson of Flatonia, Texas, is in the city, the guest of Miss Marguerite Nelson.

BENDER:—K. L. Williams, Dallas; J. G. Harrison, New York; W. M. Hill, Washington, D. C.; W. H. McCulloch, San Antonio; M. Winter, Chicago, Ill.; Jo. J. Fairlett, Austin; G. T. Donavan, Dallas; F. O. Stevens, Galveston; Philip Cohn, Baltimore, Md.; Louis Silverman, New York.

ROSS:—W. Haspel, New Orleans, La.; Ike Freed, P. S. Sacks, Houston; J. I. Brown, Dallas; M. D. Curtis, Pearsall; H. Guth, P. McHenry, San Antonio; W. E. Schmidt, St. Louis, Mo.; W. J. Pulley, Arlington.

HAMILTON:—A. O. Coleman and wife, Miss E. Farris, Encinal; J. H. Carey, Dallas; A. V. Kennedy, San Antonio; L. R. Johnston and wife, Reiser; M. S. Michael, New Orleans, La.; Misses Clara and Ollie Dannelley, Hebbronville; E. J. Piatt, San Antonio; H. F. Caulk, Hobart, Okla.; A. B. Harbour, Boston; G. B. Watson, Corpus Christi.

### Run Nail Into His Foot.

Joe Leyendecker, the 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Leyendecker, met with a painful accident this morning when, while playing in the yard of his home, he ran a nail into his foot. A doctor was summoned, the wound was treated and the little fellow is now resting easy and doing well.

### Interesting Baptist Statistics.

The following statistics were read at the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston this week showing the growth of the Baptist denomination in these states:

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| Number of Baptist churches in the Southern states | 24,338 |
| Membership | 2,588,633 |
| Baptized during the past year | 151,441 |
| Number of Sunday schools | 17,233 |
| Sunday school scholars | 1,705,871 |
| Value of church property | $56,861,492 |
| Gifts to Missions | 1,759,821 |
| Given for all purposes | 13,073,939 |

The negro Baptists have their own organization and report 2,083,246 members.

In the Northern states there are 1,341,933 members of Baptist churches.

The Baptist churches in Texas report 336,679 members.

## TRY CANAL OFFICIAL ON GRAFT CHARGE.

New York, May 15.—Trial is set for Monday in the federal court here of John Burke, commissary of the Panama Canal Zone, Ricardo Bermudez, former governor of the province of Colon and Jacobo L. Salas, a prominent merchant of Colon, on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the United States. Maj. Gen. George W. Goethals, governor of the Canal Zone, will be the principal witness, it is expected.

A few months ago the federal grand jury handed down a new indictment against Burke, bringing up to $22,182 the total of drafts he is alleged to have received in the alleged deal with Salas to supply the commissary with tobacco. Eleven drafts, alleged to have been paid to Burke, and cashed in this city, are mentioned in the new indictment.

When the case is called on Monday, it is is likely the government will ask for separate trials for the three men, that of Salas to come first. A rumor was spread last March that Burke would become a government witness against his co-defendants.

Burke was manager of the commissary department at the canal until February 9, 1914. Last May, indictments were returned against Burke, Jacob Salas, Isaac Brandon, Robert Wilcox and others. Burke surrendered at New Orleans, Salas was arrested in New York, and Brandon and Wilcox gave themselves up at Ancon. Last fall, Pascal Canavaggio, a wholesale liquor dealer of Colon, was indicted and also surrendered himself. In addition, indictments have been brought in against merchants and bankers in Germany, but due to the war, no papers have yet been served on them.

Mr. Bermudez was manager of the commissary department up to nine years ago, when he was replaced by Henry Burnett, who about a year later, was succeeded by John Burke. He has been popular in the political and financial circles of Colon, and was collector of revenue, a deputy of the National Assembly, and governor of the province. It has been rumored he was slated to a position in the cabinet of the Panama government. He has done much to improve business conditions in Colon.

After Burke was suspended as manager of the commissary a year ago last February, he went back to the isthmus and asked Col. Goethals for an investigation. Col. Harry A. Hodges, Capt. F. O. Whitlock and Lieut. Frederick Mears were appointed as the committee of investigation. This commission was known as the "whitewash committee," whether rightfully or not. Its report was not made public, but Mr. Burke's friends asserted that he had been completely exonerated. A few days later Burke was indicted. It was claimed that the investigating committee called no witnesses except those asked for by Burke, with one single exception.

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The orientals are holding their Olympic Meet, beginning today. Shanghai gets the meet this year. Japan, Korea, Siam and the Philippines are contesting.

From Saturday's Daily.

## AN OBSTINATE ATTITUDE.

Despite the statement from officials presumed to be thoroughly informed that Germany would firmly resist the demands of our government, there is reason to believe that least of all nations at present does Germany desire war with the United States.

A German correspondent—at least German in name—wiring from Berlin says that the food situation in both Germany and Austria "is not so rosy as painted," and that the German authorities have ordered stock-taking of all potatoes in Germany, especially of all families and hotels possessed of more than twenty pounds, while the Austrian government has restricted the sale of meat to five days.

It is known in Washington that the German ambassador has received instructions to, so far as he can, avoid a contingency which would mean a suspension of diplomatic relations, in which he is to be backed up in the fullest degree by Berlin.

The Germans are still determined to offer "apology and reparation" for the Lusitania affair, but give no guarantee for the safety of Americans under belligerent flags.

This of course is out of the question, as Mr. Wilson's note is so emphatically worded that there can be no side-stepping or evasion on the part of Germany. She MUST agree to the demands of the United States—or stand the consequences.

Just what those consequences will be, Mr. Wilson did not state in his note, but German officials, as well as those of our own government, are well aware that the "consequences" will be in the final accounting WAR, and war to a finish.

Least of all nations—except perhaps Austria—is Germany prepared for war with this country at the present moment. Her armies in the field have had no successes worth mentioning. They have made an absolute failure of all their campaigns save the one wsich ousted the Russians from East Prussia.

They are beset in Belgium and France, their drive through Galicia has met with a decided check, they are about to be again invaded in Prussia and their final reserves are being called to the colors. They are feeding large numbers of prisoners, in addition to their own incapacitated wounded, and the soldiers in the field are feeling the pinch of hunger now that the foraging is not so successful as at the first of the war.

Should war ensue with this country, the Germans would lose their only source of supply, and the German liners now in many of our ports would be seized and used as American transports, instead of being possible aids to the German forces.

In their complaint against the the English blockade the Germans state that the submarines form their only naval arm against the British and French warships while their own fleet has remained bottled up in the Baltic, where it is of not the slightest use.

To transport soldiers to the United States would be out of the question, while the aid that this country could give the allies would result in the long-promised invasion of German soil.

The withdrawal of troops to defend their own frontier would result in the abandonment of the campaign against the allies, besides costing more than it is worth in the relinquishment of the territory which they now hold in Belgium and France.

Without additional troops, with a rapidly failing food supply, with no navy worth mentioning and with the combined force of nearly all the world against her, Germany would face utter annihilation, with the certainty of her enemies dictating the peace terms when she is finally conquered.

Certainly, Germany wants no war with the United States at this time.

## THOSE UPLIFTERS.

State Topics is moved to pour out the vials of its wrath on the crusaders who have made a fertile field of Houston for some time past. Jeff: McLemore, the editor, says:

"In Houston it's just one old 'crusade' after another, the 'uplifters' being ever on the move. First and last we have had the Anti-Saloon League; then the Men and Religion Forwardors; then the Southern Industrial Congress; then the Flying Squadron; then the Movement to Put Houston and the Houston Country on the Map, and last, but by no means least, the Health Crusaders, otherwise known as the Southern Sociological Congress. It's any old thing to convince the people that they are all wrong and have been wrong all of their years."

But it will not do to take these people too seriously, Jeff:, and no one is better aware of it than yourself. While they do succeed in "fooling a part of the people all the time and all the people part of the time," as the immortal Lincoln said, they cannot fool all the people all the time.

There is something typical about the average "uplifter." He can be told from afar off, as a rule, by his keen scent for the filthy lucre. He does not always snuffle and wear a mournful countenance. Sometimes he is bold and brazen, as for instance, Billy Sunday. But the way to tell him from the real, earnest man who is not professionally in the "uplift" business is to bait your hook with shining gold; the one who greedily takes it is the one to beware of.

The crusader business is as old as the everlasting hills. From the time of the most ancient days down to the present the "uplifters" have existed. The ancient Hebrews who "converted" the heathen at the point of the sword, the Mohammedans who killed the men and saved the women for conversion to their faith, the crusaders who laid waste the Holy Land with fire and battle-axe—all have their types in this modern age.

And not all of those who are waging the war of "uplift" are searching for the corn, wine and oil. Some of them are content to go about as poorly clad as was their Master, and if they win through life without accumulating any of this world's riches, they are content so long as they have been of use for the Kingdom.

There is another way to tell the professional "uplifter." He usually ranges far from home. For him the foreign field—with the accent on the field—and the farther away from home he gets, the greater his success.

If there were any real heart in his doctrine, he would try to "uplift" those nearest to him. There is not the slightest doubt that there are as many people in Tennessee and Alabama in need of conversion as there are in Texas, but you don't find the Hon. Ham Patterson or the equally Hon. Richmond Hobson working at home. No, indeed; for them the green fields and pastures fresh of an unknown country—the people are apt to be greener also.

The Anahuac Progress says that Billy Sunday is a better advertiser than P. T. Barnum ever was; the latter never thought of using Christ's name in his advertising.

The way to do away with these professional "uplifters" is to stop the supplies. The temperance workers in former years carried banners inscribed with the good advice: "Wean the calf and the cow will go dry." What better advice with regard to the crusaders who are living on the fat of the land—paid for by others?

Charity is said to cover a multitude of sins. And the worst of it is that in many cases it covers the sins of the people to whom it is given, and not those of the givers. Stop the supplies and the crusades will end. There are few of them which are self-supporting. And the really earnest crusaders do not demand a well-padded subscription list before they begin work. They are willing to trust to the Lord and the charity of the people for whose benefit they are really working.

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The Italian cabinet has resigned and a crisis is reported. Why don't Italy fish or cut bait, one?

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The Southern Baptists are going to raise over a million dollars for home and foreign missions the coming year. It must hurt George Bailey's Sons of Rest to think that they will never get a cent of it.

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An American warship is going to Esperanza to succor the American colony there, who are attacked by Yaquis. What a blessing it is to remember that neither Carranza nor Villa has any submarines!

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Delegates to the peace congress in Cleveland who are trying to establish an international court agree that whatever happens they will support the government, even to the point of war. That's what all Americans will do, even the hyphenated ones, bless 'em.

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For the first time in six months the German and French official reports agreed yesterday. Can it be that Germany is trying to snuggle up to France in case of trouble with this country?

## UNIVERSITY GRADUATES CELEBRATE.

Palo Alto, Calif., May 15.—In celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the first graduation at Leland Stanford, Jr., University, graduates of each of the classes since that first graduated met today in a monster reunion. Today is set aside in the commencement programme as Alumni Day, and a banquet of each of the classes will be held. The graduates will go in a body to the San Francisco Exposition, returning for the commencement exercises on Monday.

## THIS DATE IN HISTORY

MAY 15.

1213—King John, oppressed with guilt and despair, resigned the kingdoms of England and Ireland to the Pope.

1571—Burning of Moscow by the Tartars; 200,000 inhabitants perished.

1618—Kepler discovered the periodical motion of the planets.

1775—Congress passed a resolve to issue paper money.

1797—Extra session of Congress met to consider the strained relations with France.

1847—Daniel O'Connell, famous Irish patriot and liberator, died in Genoa, Italy.

1877—Ex-President Grant sailed from Philadelphia for his trip around the world.

1889—London University conferred its M. D. degree on a woman, for first time.

1904—Japanese warship "Hatsuse" sunk by a mine off Port Arthur.

1912—Christian X proclaimed King of Denmark.

1914—Col. Benavides elected provisional president of Peru.

### What Advertising Did.

The success of a Chicago firm in clearing up an indebtedness of $175,000 within eight years was due to newspaper advertising, was the statement of F. B. Schwartz, vice president of the Charles M. Fuller Company of Chicago, Wednesday at the noon hour luncheon of the Fort Worth Ad Men's Club. Yet there are many men in business who claim to have good business judgement that will not advertise when business is dull, and, and the only excuse they will offer is that they must cut down expenses on acount of light business. —Bonham Favorite.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 50c. per month.

## VOICE OF TEXAS.

Little Reporter.

The Lone Star is a little magazine printed at the Texas School for the Deaf (Austin,) and among the pupils' items in the current number appeared this specimen of succinct report ing:

It rained very hard a few days ago. Some people were drowned. The water washed many houses away. Mrs. Richardson was afraid her little chickens would drown. She put them into the barn. They did not drown. Some of Mr. Davis' little chickens were drowned.

Oh, little reporter—little deaf and dubm reporter, whose years are so few and whose experiences so far so little sorrowful—yours is the tiny cup so readily filled with blessings! To you the tragedy of the chickens seemed worthy to be put into the same paragraph with the really heart-wringing dramas of the flood. There are for you compensations in the silent life you lead. Few or none of your ships are Lusitanias, and while many others are tossed and torn upon thunderous seas your little craft sails smoothly, your chart and compass reposing in the hollow of the Almighty hand. Though your lips be still, your message does not fall short the ear of God, and though your ears be sealed the Choir Invisible choruses in your soul. Oh, little deaf and dumb reporter, the world is so small to you that heaven bends down close above your head!—Galveston News.

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### Plenty of Prunes.

Dabney White, who has a ginners' mutual fire insurance association, is wasting so much real good money sending out press agent letters that we wonder how it is that he is still able to buy more prunes than anybody else in Tyler.—Sealy News.

Prunes are cheap if one is justified in judging by the number and kind of persons who manage to never go hungry for that popular confection.—Austin American.

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### We'll be Safer.

And, looking at it from a strictly selfish standpoint, if Japan forces China into a war and if Japan takes some of the Chinese territory Japan will get what it wants on that side of the water and will have less occasion to look with envy on the domain of any other country.—Beaumont Journal.

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### Or Drink Soda.

"When a man gets started on the down grade there is no telling where he will stop," says Homer Hoch. "I knew a man who started by simply cussing a little, then he got to mixing with booze, and the last we heard of him he had taken to eating carrots." About the next report will chronicle his finish in the fatal golf-cap stage.—Austin American.

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### Used to Skinning.

Of course, seven rabbits were actually skinned by a hard wind in Texas the other day; but that's nothing—just note the big bunch of gullible humans who are being fleeced every day in Texas by a little hot air! And have not started yet to buy oil stock.—San Marcos Times-Herald.

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### Moving Picture Name.

Among the notables now visiting in New York is His Highness Farzan Dilbund Rasikue-Iti-kad daulat-i-Inglishia, Rajah-i-Rajagan, Ratja Jagat Jit Singh Bahadur, Maharajah of Karpurthala. While not definitely known, it is assumed that his calling card must be in the form of a roll of film.—Port Arthur News.

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### Saved Much Hot Air.

Another thing which we have to be thankful for is that congress was not in session when the Lusitania went down.—Waco News.

## URGE U. S. PURCHASE OF LOWER CALIFORNIA.

Washington, May 15.—Recent developments in the international situation have revived discussion of the proposal for the purchase by the United States of Lower California from Mexico. That this tongue of land is so separated from Mexico and so geographically a part of the United States coast line on the Pacific is the reason assigned by early proponents of the purchase. The present-day attraction is Magdalena Bay, which is of strategic value to the United States, and possesses one of the best harbors on the Coast. Lower California possesses vast mineral wealth in gold, silver, iron, copper, lead and other deposits. By irrigation a vast portion of its now valueless arid lands could, it is thought, be transformed into agricultural land of high value.

On the resumption of responsible government in Mexico, it is said here that it is not unlikely that proposals looking to the purchase will be made.

## DISCOVERED.

Those who have been worrying their heads sore in an effort to discover the real cause of the European war will welcome the following statement of the origin of the trouble as described by a young Chinaman who edits L'Echo de Chine, in Shanghai:

Now there is great battle in Europe. This began because the Prince of Austria went to Serbia with his wife. One man of Serbia killed him. Austria was angry and so write Serbia. Germany write letter to Austria, "I will help you." France did not want fight, but they got ready their soldiers. Germany write letter to France, "You don't get ready, or I will fight you in nine hours." Germany to fight them, pass Belgium. Belgium says, "I am a country; I am not a road." And Belgium write letter to England about Germany to help them. So England help Belgium.

For Neat and Accurate Job Work ring up 43.

# TRAIN SERVICE STALLED AS RESULT OF ACTIVITIES

### OF CARRANZA FORCES BETWEEN MONTEREY AND EAGLE PASS.

Train Service to Monterey From Eagle Pass Reported Not Safe After Today Says Party Arriving Here.

Dr. G. B. Watson, who left here several weeks ago for San Antonio and Eagle Pass, returned to Laredo this morning on a short visit. While away Doctor Watson made a trip from Eagle Pass to Monterey, where he went in connection with the Tampico oil fields.

He states that the trip by railroad from Eagle Pass to Monterey was made with absolute safety, he leaving Monterey on Wednesday on his return to Eagle Pass. Announcement was made in Monterey on the day of his departure, however, that the Villistas would not guarantee train service after today on account of the activities of the Carrancistas in the intervening country between Monterey and Saltillo.

At Monterey it was learned that the Carranza forces which several weeks ago left Nuevo Laredo for the southward, supposedly for the vicinity of Monterey, had made a detour of that city and passed to the country near where large forces of Carrancistas were mobilized and have since joined the army of General Obregon, which is now engaged in battle with General Villa, according to latest reports emanating from Aguascalientes. Otherwise than the hostilities between the Villa and Obregon forces the revolution activities in Central Mexico are reported as in a condition of statu quo.

### Board of Equalization.

Notice is hereby given that the Honorable County Commissioners' Court of Webb County, Texas, will convene and sit as a Board of Equalization on the fourth Monday in May, A. D. 1915, same being the 24th day of said month, for the purpose of receiving from the Assessor of Taxes of Webb County, all his assessment lists, books, etc., for their inspection, correction, equalization and approval.

Witness my hand and seal of office in Laredo, Texas, this 13th day of May, A. D. 1915.

J. A. RODRIGUEZ,
County Clerk, Webb County, Texas.
5-13-10t. (Adv.)

## THE NEW WOODMEN LODGE.

### Will be Formally Organized in This City Next Sunday Morning by Deputy C. Woods Who Comes Here.

Olive Camp, the new lodge of the Woodmen of the World recently instituted in this city, will be formally organized at a meeting to be held at the Knights of Pythias hall on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, the organizing and installing officer being Deputy C. Woods, who comes here especially for the purpose and who will remain in Laredo until July getting the lodge in working order.

The new lodge starts out with a charter membership of about eighty and has fair promise of becoming one of the largest fraternal organizations in the city. After the lodge is formally instituted by Deputy Woods a charter will be secured, officers elected for the ensuing term and the lodge put on a substantial working basis. All those who have signed the charter membership roll of the new lodge are requested to be in attendance at the meeting Sunday morning.

### Notice to the Public.

At the southeast corner of the market building on the outside you will find fish, oysters, boiled crabs and all articles usually kept in a delicatessen, such as lunches of boiled ham, Swiss, brick and American cheese, corned beef, junch tongue, pickled herring, salmon, sardines (American, French and Norwegian) in oil or tomato sauce. Short orders of all kinds served promptly. Fresh butter milk daily. The best French drip coffee in Laredo.

J. W. HOPKNS, (Shorty.)
2-9-tf. (Adv.)

## RIO GRANDE BAPTIST MEETING.

### Fifth Sunday Meeting Will be Held at Creath Memorial Church in Laredo on May 27, 28 and 29.

The Fifth Sunday meeting of the Rio Grande Baptist Association; embracing a session covering three days, May 27, 28 and 29, and terminating on Sunday, May 30, will be convened at Creath Memorial Baptist church in this city on the evening of Thursday, May 27.

This association comprises the Baptist churches of this entire Rio Grande section of Southwest Texas and numerous delegates will be here to attend the daily and nightly meetings which will be held. A number of visiting ministers have been assigned sermons and various subjects for discussion on the threee-day program and a most interesting meeting is anticipated by all concerned.

### Well Drilling.

There may be oil on your land. If there is I can cand find it. I have the drilling outfit that will go the depth. Phone 170.

LEO EISTETTER.
5-12-12t. (Adv.)


## BETTER THAN SPANKING

Spanking does not cure children of bed-wetting. There is a constitutional cause for this trouble. Mrs. M. Summers, Box W, Notre Dame, Ind., will send free to any mother her successful home treatment, with full instructions. Send no money, but write her today if your children trouble you in this way. Don't blame the child, the chances are it can't help it. This treatment also cures adults and aged people troubled with urine difficulties by day or night. (Adv.)


# PIETROLATI TOOK STAND IN HIS OWN BEHALF TODAY

### MAN AVOWED THAT KILLING OF MARTINEZ WAS ACCIDENTAL.

State Finished Testimony Yesterday Afternoon and Defense at Noon Today; Arguments Begin.

After summoning a second special venire to appear at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the work of securing a complete jury to try the case of Pilede Pietrolati, charged with the killing of Lucio Martinez, was completed at 4:20 o'clock, when the twelfth jury was qualified and sworn in. The complete jury is composed of C. C. Burr, L. L. Leyendecker, Rafael Flores, Clarence Jefferies, Chas. Phillips, A. Saft, W. J. Carpenter, Victor Salinas, D. A. Lampman, L. F. Ochoa and Alonzo Barrera.

The state introduced all its testimony yesterday afternoon, this including the evidence given by Lazaro Gonzales, Juan Solis, Jesus Solis, Francisco Galvan, Dolores Valdez and Marcial Zapata, all of whom were eye-witnesses to the killing and were in the pool room at the time, with the exception of Zapata, the constable who arrested Pietrolati. At 5:50 yesterday afternoon the state rested her case and court adjourned until 9 o'clock this morning.

When court reconvened this morning the defense put several witnesses on the stand, while the defendant also testified in his own behalf, telling his story to the jury through an interpreter, Fred Leber. He claimed that he and Martinez were intimate friends and that he was handing him the pistol to pawn it when the weapon was accidentally discharged. Several witnesses testified that Pietrolati had endeavored to try and sell the pistol to them during the daytime of the date on which the killing occurred.

The testimony was concluded at noon and this afternoon at 2 o'clock arguments will begin. The case will probably go to the jury shortly after 3 o'clock and a verdict is expected within a short time thereafter.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

### O. Pratt and T. A. Coleman Sell 1280 Acres of Webb County Land to H H. Jefferies for $6,173.

Several deeds showing transfers of Laredo and Webb county realty were filed for record with the county clerk yesterday afternoon, the most important of which was the conveyance of two sections of pasturage land to H. H. Jefferies, those making the sale being O. Pratt and T. A. Coleman. The land involved in the deal were Sections 434 and 1552, each containing 640 acres, or a total of 1280 acres. The consideration was $6,173.

The other deeds filed for record yesterday afternoon were the following:

T. S. Foster to his wife, Mrs. Bettie Foster, lots Nos. 3 and 7, in block No. 207, W. D. Consideration, $700, love and affection.

Santiago Ugarte to Justina Ugarte, lot No. 7, in block No. 267, W. D., and lot No. 8, in block No. 93, E. D. Consideration, $90.

T. A. Bunn to Harriet Bridgeforth, lot No. 10, in block No. 703, E. D. Consideration, $100.

### Operation Proved a Success.

Fred Buenz, the 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John O. Buenz is now on the road to recovery and restoration to health following a delicate operation performed on him in San Antonio recently. The young man had been suffering from an internal trouble for some time past and was taken to San Antonio recently and underwent a successful operation. Mrs. Buenz will go to San Antonio early next week to bring her son back to Laredo with her.

### Chamberlain's Liniment.

This preparation is intended especially for rheumatism, lame back, sprains and like ailments. It is a favorite with people who are well acquainted with its splendid qualities. Mrs. Charles Tanner, Wabash, Ind., says of it, "I found Chamberlain's Liniment the best thing for lame back and sprains I have ever used. It works like a charm and relieves pain and soreness. It has been used by others of my family as well as myself for upwards of twenty years." 25 and 50 cent bottles. For sale by all dealers.

(Adv.)

## RETAIL MERCHANTS MEETING.

### Board of Directors Met Yesterday and Discussed Matters of Import to the Body.

The board of directors of the Laredo Retail Merchants Association met yesterday evening at 3:30 o'clock on call of the president.

The work of compiling done so far by the secretary was reviewed. The work in this respect is well advanced, so much so that by the first part of June ratings for 4,000 or more names will be on file in the office of the association for the use of members.

It was decided at the meeting that a general meeting of all the members, or in other words, a "get-together" smoker, will be held some time between the first and the tenth of June, the exact date to be announced later.

The purpose of the meeting is to bring all the members of the association together and have the workings of the same better understood, as the very life of this important work depends on the co-operation of each individual member; explain the work already accomplished and what it is expected will be accomplished in the future, and bring before the entire membership several important matters, especially the question of having employes of members of this association pay just obligations incurred with other members.

## AN EVENING OF GRAND OPERA.

### Performance for Benefit of Laredo Library Was Good in Every Respect.

The "Evening of Grand Opera" at Market Hall last night was a decided triumph for Mrs. D. F. Anderson, the indefatigable teacher, and for her pupils it was an artistic and musical success, as well as for those who assisted in the performance.

Space is too limited to give the entire program in detail, but it is sufficient to say that every act was surprisingly good for amateurs and in some respects their work was equal to that of trained professionals. They were all at perfect ease, which was proof of their long and earnest training, and they lacked that nervousness which is usually the mark of amateurs.

Among the especially difficult features of the program was the singing of Miss Courtney Slaughter as the mechanical doll. The part calls for the most difficult of all attempts, even to the professional singer—that of singing in "half voice," such as might be expected of a mechanical toy, and Miss Slaughter's rendition of the song, especially when one considers her extreme youth, was marvelous.

The singing of Miss Ethel Mackin as Cherubino the page, in "The Marriage of Figaro," was so well received that she was obliged to repeat her song, and the entire performance was pleasing to the audience, among whom were many of our most accomplished musicians.

Tonight the performance will be repeated, but it is not likely that it will be any more finished or excellent than the first night, which is something unusual in the line of amateur performances.

Mrs. Anderson is to be congratulated on the progress of her pupils, as well as complimented upon her earnest and conscientious work. Especial credit is due Mrs. C. G. Gatewood (Miss Charlotte Pierce), who charmingly rendered the entre-act selections, and whose work as a finished vocalist needs no mention in Laredo. Mr. Notzon did good work in his violin accompaniments to the vocal music, while Mrs. Anderson was as always, at her best at the piano

## ACCEPTS POSITION CHIEF CLERK

### M. W. Brennan Has Been Appointed to Succeed Late D. H. Hickey With Texas-Mexican Railway.

Announcement was made today of the appointment of M. W. Brennan as chief clerk in the office of C. M. Fish, general freight and passenger agent of the Texas-Mexican Ry. Co., succeeding to the position made vacant by the recent death of Dan H. Hickey. Mr. Brennan will assume charge of his duties as chief clerk on Monday morning.

Mr. Brennan is a man possessing every necessary qualification to fill the office with credit, being a railroad man of extensive experience and for the past 24 years being in the employ of either the Texas-Mexican or the National Lines of Mexico, being with the latter road when possession of same passed to the revolutionists of Mexico. He started as office boy with the Texas-Mexican in this city 24 years ago, later he was promoted to a clerical position in the freight office. Then he was made chief clerk of the joint office in this city and from that position was promoted to agent of the National Lines in Nuevo Laredo. Later he was made joint agent and customs agent at Nuevo Laredo and held this latter position at the time that the National Lines ceased to exist under that name and was taken charge of by the Mexican revolutionists following the downfall of the Huerta regime.

### Out of Danger.

Mrs. Reyes, estimable wife of Don Emilio Reyes, the Administrador del Timbre in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, was dangerously ill for several days, but The Times is pleased to learn that she is now out of danger and on the road to recovery.

## THIS IS MY 46th BIRTHDAY

HENRY MATSON WAITE.

Henry Matson Waite, city manager of Dayton, Ohio, who is running the city's business on modern business lines and is making a success of it, is 46 years old today. A little over a year ago Mr. Waite, who is an experienced railroad man and engineer, undertook the unique job of managing the city business of Dayton. He selects the men who have charge of various branches of the business of city work, and holds them accountable. He is answerable to the non-partisan commissioners elected by the people. Mr. Waite was born at Toledo, May 15, 1869, was graduated from Mass. Institute of Technology, and spent ten years in railroad work. He then became a coal engineer, and later became chief engineer of public works in Cincinnati. In regard to the continued success of this new form of city government, he declareds: "Its permanency depends upon intelligent citizenship, and their continued determination to keep partisan politics out of municipal affairs."

### A Sluggish Liver Needs Attention.

Let your Liver get torpid and you are in for a spell of misery. Everybody gets an attack now and then. Thousands of people keep their Livers active and healthy by using Dr. King's New Life Pills. Fine for the Stomach, too. Stop the Dizziness, Constipation, Biliousness and Indigestion. Clear the blood. Only 25c. at Your Druggist.

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## PERSONALS

W E. Schmidt of the Graham Paper Company arrived in the city this morning.

A. O. Coleman and wife of Encinal are guests at the Hamilton.

Misses Clara and Ollie Dannelley of Hebbronville are guests at the Hamilton.

Miss Anita Johnson of Flatonia, Texas, is in the city, the guest of Miss Marguerite Nelson.

BENDER:—K. L. Williams, Dallas; J. G. Harrison, New York; W. M. Hill, Washington, D. C.; W. H. McCulloch, San Antonio; M. Winter, Chicago, Ill.; Jo. J. Fairlett, Austin; G. T. Donavan, Dallas; F. O. Stevens, Galveston; Philip Cohn, Baltimore, Md.; Louis Silverman, New York.

ROSS:—W. Haspel, New Orleans, La.; Ike Freed, P. S. Sacks, Houston; J. I. Brown, Dallas; M. D. Curtis, Pearsall; H. Guth, P. McHenry, San Antonio; W. E. Schmidt, St. Louis, Mo.; W. J. Pulley, Arlington.

HAMILTON:—A. O. Coleman and wife, Miss E. Farris, Encinal; J. H. Carey, Dallas; A. V. Kennedy, San Antonio; L. R. Johnston and wife, Reiser; M. S. Michael, New Orleans, La.; Misses Clara and Ollie Dannelley, Hebbronville; E. J. Platt, San Antonio; H. F. Caulk, Hobart, Okla.; A. B. Harbour, Boston; G. B. Watson, Corpus Christi.

### Run Nail Into His Foot.

Joe Leyendecker, the 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Leyendecker, met with a painful accident this morning when, while playing in the yard of his home, he ran a nail into his foot. A doctor was sammoned, the wound was treated and the little fellow is now resting easy and doing well.

### Interesting Baptist Statistics.

The following statistics were read at the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston this week showing the growth of the Baptist denomination in these states:

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| Number of Baptist churches in the Southern states | 24,338 |
| Membership | 2,588,633 |
| Baptized during the past year | 151,441 |
| Number of Sunday schools | 17,233 |
| Sunday school scholars | 1,705,871 |
| Value of church property | $56,861,492 |
| Gifts to Missions | 1,759,821 |
| Given for all purposes | 13,073,939 |

The negro Baptists have their own organization and report 2,083,246 members.

In the Northern states there are 1,341,933 members of Baptist churches.

The Baptist churches in Texas report 336,679 members.

## TRY CANAL OFFICIAL ON GRAFT CHARGE.

New York, May 15.—Trial is set for Monday in the federal court here of John Burke, commissary of the Panama Canal Zone, Ricardo Bermudez, former governor of the province of Colon and Jacobo L. Salas, a prominent merchant of Colon, on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the United States. Maj. Gen. George W. Goethals, governor of the Canal Zone, will be the principal witness, it is expected.

A few months ago the federal grand jury handed down a new indictment against Burke, bringing up to $22,182 the total of drafts he is alleged to have received in the alleged deal with Salas to supply the commissary with tobacco. Eleven drafts, alleged to have been paid to Burke, and cashed in this city, are mentioned in the new indictment.

When the case is called on Monday, it is is likely the government will ask for separate trials for the three men, that of Salas to come first. A rumor was spread last March that Burke would become a government witness against his co-defendants.

Burke was manager of the commissary department at the canal until February 9, 1914. Last May, indictments were returned against Burke, Jacob Salas, Isaac Brandon, Robert Wilcox and others. Burke surrendered at New Orleans, Salas was arrested in New York, and Brandon and Wilcox gave themselves up at Ancon. Last fall, Pascal Canavaggio, a wholesale liquor dealer of Colon, was indicted and also surrendered himself. In addition, indictments have been brought in against merchants and bankers in Germany, but due to the war, no papers have yet been served on them.

Mr. Bermudez was manager of the commissary department up to nine years ago, when he was replaced by Henry Burnett, who about a year later, was succeeded by John Burke. He has been popular in the political and financial circles of Colon, and was collector of revenue, a deputy of the National Assembly, and governor of the province. It has been rumored he was slated to a position in the cabinet of the Panama government. He has done much to improve business conditions in Colon.

After Burke was suspended as manager of the commissary a year ago last February, he went back to the isthmus and asked Col. Goethals for an investigation. Col. Harry A. Hodges, Capt. F. O. Whitlock and Lieut. Frederick Mears were appointed as the committee of investigation. This commission was known as the "whitewash committee," whether rightfully or not. Its report was not made public, but Mr. Burke's friends asserted that he had been completely exonerated. A few days later Burke was indicted. It was claimed that the investigating committee called no witnesses except those asked for by Burke, with one single exception.

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The orientals are holding their Olympic Meet, beginning today. Shanghai gets the meet this year. Japan, Korea, Siam and the Philippines are contesting.